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London, To-day.

"How is Germany exploiting the Munich staged bombing?" is the question being asked by political circles here.

It is pointed out that the faked attempt on Hitler's life, blamed on Britain, was not necessary for a mere extension of war operations against Britain, and political circles wonder whether Germany is not seeking "justification" for the indiscriminate bombing of the British civilian population.

Others express the opinion that the Reich may want to start a quarrel with neutral States, probably the Netherlands.

Undoubtedly the outrage will be used for ruthless suppression of politically unreliable elements at home, and the Jews will be the worst sufferers.

Whatever the motives, the affair shows that confusion prevails in Nazi circles, which are again compelled to resort to the worst of adventurous moves. — Havas.

CITY OF FLINT, TO SAIL SOON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

Captain Gairard, Master of the City of Flint, told the press yesterday that the ship will leave Bergen when her cargo is unloaded.

The cargo will probably be sold there. It contains nothing connected with the war.

Capt. Gairard declared the ship's engines were not damaged and the British prize crew had allowed the Germans to pursue routine work on

MUNICH BOMBING SUSPECT

PUT-UP JOB BY HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

FRENCH POLITICAL quarters stress that it is extremely difficult to believe that the Munich bombing was perpetrated by enemies of Naziism.

The terrorists must have approached, with a heavy parcel, the cellar which on Wednesday was the best guarded place in the world.

Such action, showing exceptional coolness and courage, is not easily compatible with the blunder of timing the bomb for the end of Hitler's speech, and not for the beginning or the middle.

It is also significant that Hitler, who annually has a lengthy chat with his old comrades of the 1923 putsch on this day, this time hurriedly left for Berlin.

Finally, the British Secret

HOLLAND CANCELS ARMY LEAVE

Amsterdam, To-day.

Dutch Army leave has been cancelled, says an official announcement, and men on leave were ordered to return by last night.

Inquiries at the Dutch frontier brought no confirmation of reports that German cavalry have been stationed near the frontier.

At The Hague yesterday evening, the Cabinet held a special meeting presided over by the Prime Minister, Dr. de Geer.

The Government is taking further precautionary measures, so as to be prepared for all eventualities.

Dr. Collin, the former Premier, told a public meeting last evening that despite all rumours he expected Holland to keep out of war. — Reuters.

DISCO GERMAN FORTIFICATIONS

London, To-day.

In spite of the Russian-German pact both sides continue to fortify their new frontier. — Reuters.

board. — Havas.

CARGO UNLOADED

Bergen, To-day.

The City of Flint unloaded its cargo here yesterday.

The goods on board the steamer were destined for Britain. — Reuters.

STATE FUNERAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

A wireless message from D.N.B., the official Nazi news agency, says that a State funeral will be accorded the victims of the Munich explosion.

Hitler will speak at the ceremony, and Britain will again be made responsible for the outrage. — Havas.

NOBEL PRIZE AWARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Nobel Prize for Physics has been awarded to Orlando Lawrence, Professor at California University, for research work in connection with radio activity. — Havas.

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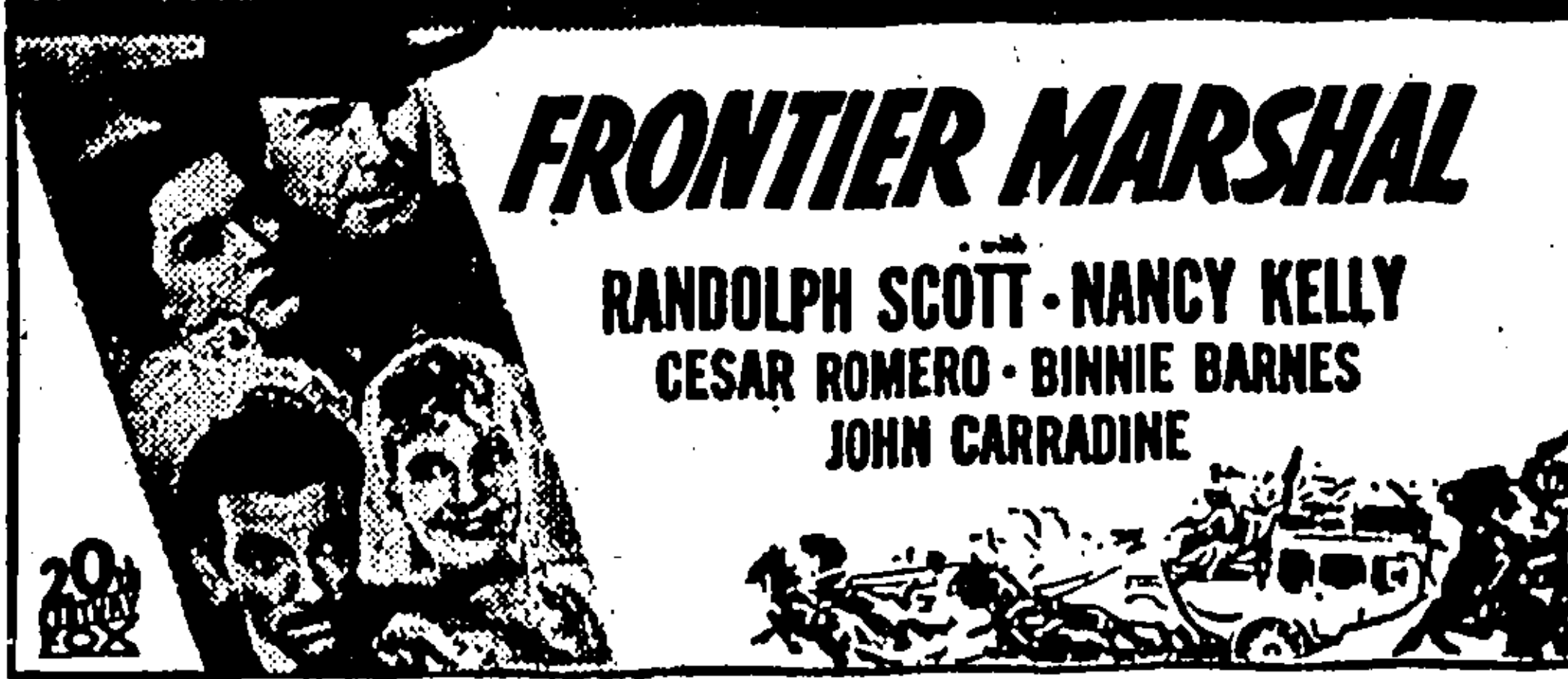
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MUNICH BOMB PLOT**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

POLITICAL QUARTERS in Germany declare: "The hand of providence is with Hitler," while an official communique issued by D.N.B., the official Nazi news agency, says Hitler spoke in place of Rudolf Hess and left the building earlier than expected, thus escaping the explosion.

The Nazi Propaganda Ministry accuses foreign secret agents of being behind the explosion.

Foreign observers deem the object of the explosion was to rouse the German people against Hitler's enemies, since the foreign inspiration accusation was made before any inquiry was held.

The same quarters also point out the flagrant contradiction of the D.N.B. announcement with previous communiques which said that Rudolf Hess was due to speak not on Wednesday night but on Thursday evening, and hence the allegation that Hitler spoke in place of his deputy is obviously incorrect.

AGAINST TRADITION

Contrary to tradition Hitler's speech was broadcast, whereas in previous years the Munich celebrations of the abortive putsch of 1923 had always been held intimately.

One theory expressed in Amsterdam is that the Gestapo (Nazi secret police) might be behind the outrage, aiming firstly to show the German people that Hitler is protected by Providence, and secondly to secure the disappearance of some of the old Nazis who are still violently anti-Bolshevik despite the pact with the Soviet.

It is pointed out that Hitler has made speeches several times fervently invoking the protection of Providence.—Havas.

**NEARLY 1-1/2
MILLION
WORKLESS**

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR ESTIMATES THAT THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED AT OCTOBER 16 WAS 1,430,638, COMPRISING 1,221,655 WHOLLY UNEMPLOYED, 146,451 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF AND 62,532 NORMALLY IN CASUAL EMPLOYMENT.

This was 99,710 more than the month before but 350,589 less than a year ago.

Increases in unemployment occurred in the building, public works, contracting, hotel and boarding house service, distributive trades and the printing industry among other occupations, while the coal mining and textile and clothing industries were among occupations in which there was a reduction.—British Wireless.

main in hospital for at least three days.

Mrs. Krishna was involved in an accident yesterday afternoon when a bus collided with the rear of a ricksha in which she was travelling.

The accident occurred at about 4.20 p.m. near Mody Road. Mrs. Krishna was thrown out of the vehicle and the puller also sustained injuries for which he was treated at the hospital.

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INTO RICSHA**

The condition of Mrs. E. Krishna, now in the Kowloon Hospital, was this morning reported to be improving. She, however, will have to re-

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LORD MAYOR'S DAY AND NO SHOW

London, To-day.

LORD MAYOR'S DAY — London's most popular civic festival — was celebrated yesterday shorn of the annual pageantry for the first time in the last 100 years. Instead of the famous "Show" there was an unconventional procession of a dozen cars with the principal City dignitaries to the Law Courts, where the new chief citizen, Sir William Coxen, took the oath of office.

Owing to the black-out, the traditional banquet at Guildhall in the evening was replaced by a luncheon on a much more modest scale, both as regards the size of the company and the length of the menu. The lunch was held in the Egyptian Hall at Mansion House.

The quietness of the occasion failed to depress the usual splendour of the surroundings.

FEW LADIES

Contrary to recent custom no ladies were present except a sprinkling of officials entitled.

The company included many Cabinet Ministers.

The Dominions and Indian Ministers sat in honoured positions at the top table.

Sir John Simon delivered Mr. Chamberlain's speech with remarkable effect.

Most loudly cheered reference was to the visiting Ministers and to the help offered from all parts of the Empire.

The retiring Lord Mayor announced that the Red Cross Fund had reached £70,000.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DRIVE IN SHANSI

Hingtsi, To-day.

Japanese forces in west Shansi, have renewed their westward drive. Fighting is raging at Shihkiu and Yopo.

In south-east Shansi, Chinese units have staged several raids near Hukwan.

A Japanese detachment pushing towards Wusiang from Tsinhsien was put to rout. Another Japanese contingent advancing from Liaosien has been repulsed. — Central News.

LORD HALIFAX HAS AUDIENCE

London, To-day.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, had an audience of the King last evening.—British Wireless.

It is officially announced that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the King's Police Medal to Police Constable Tam Chung.

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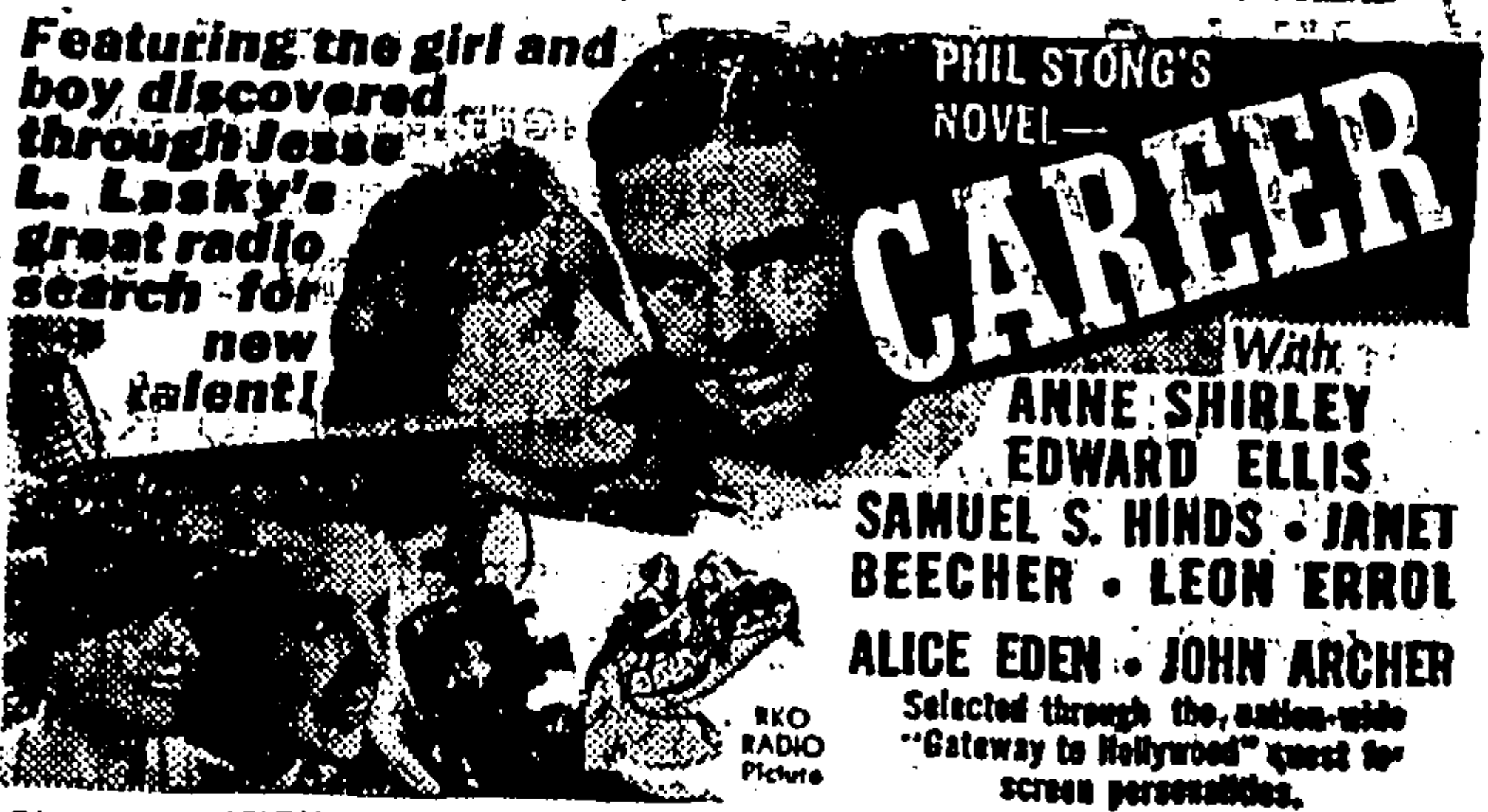
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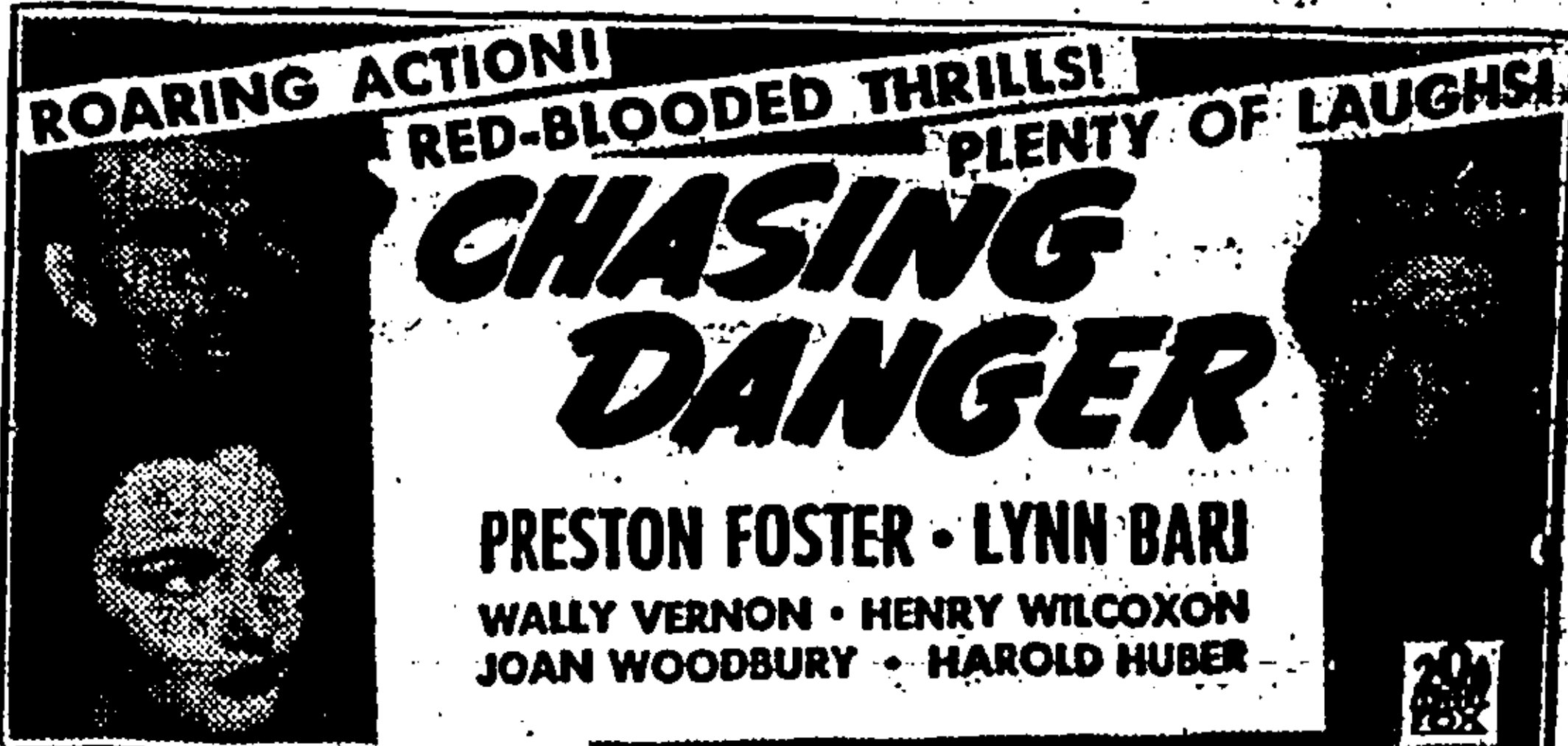
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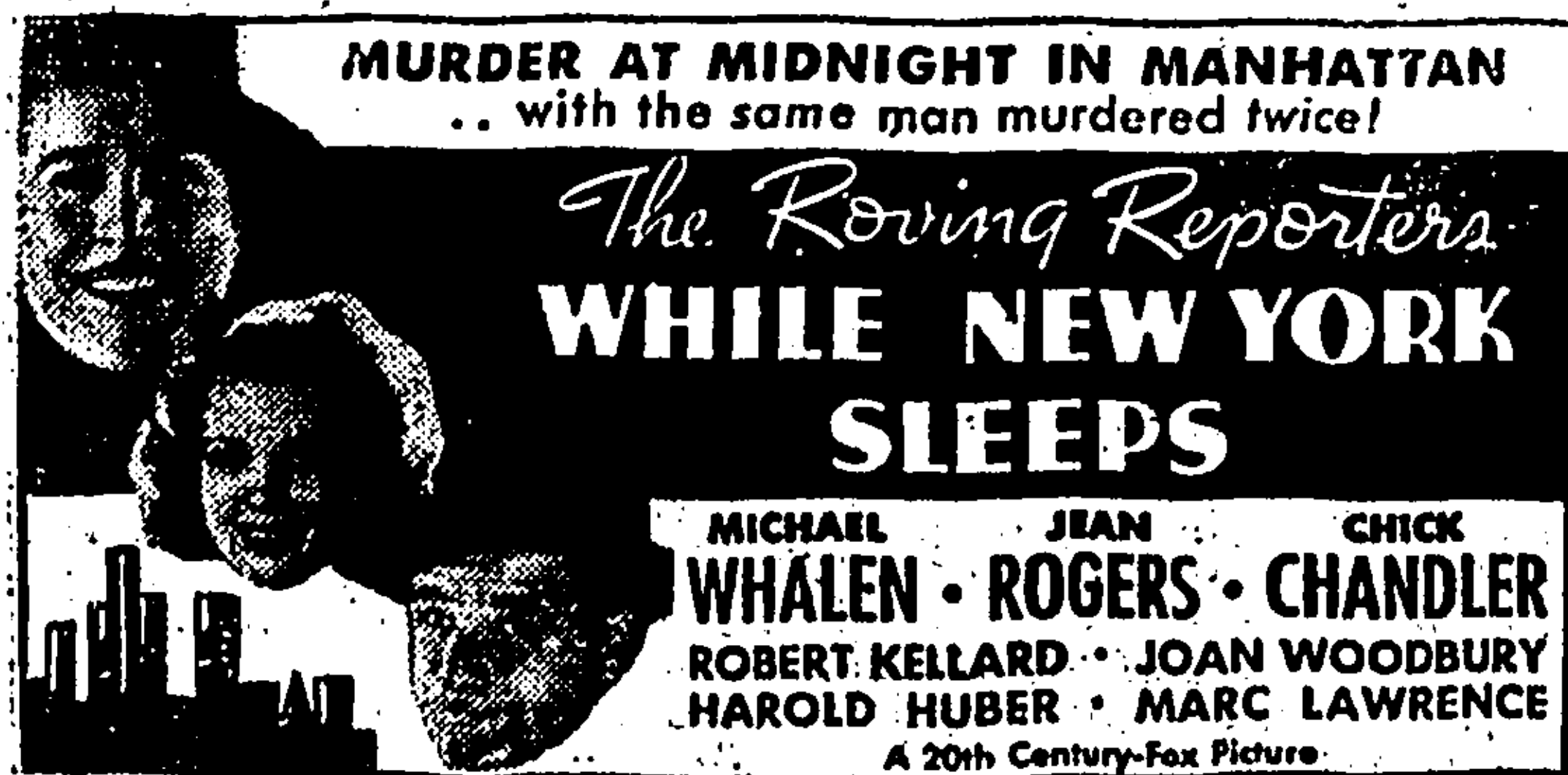
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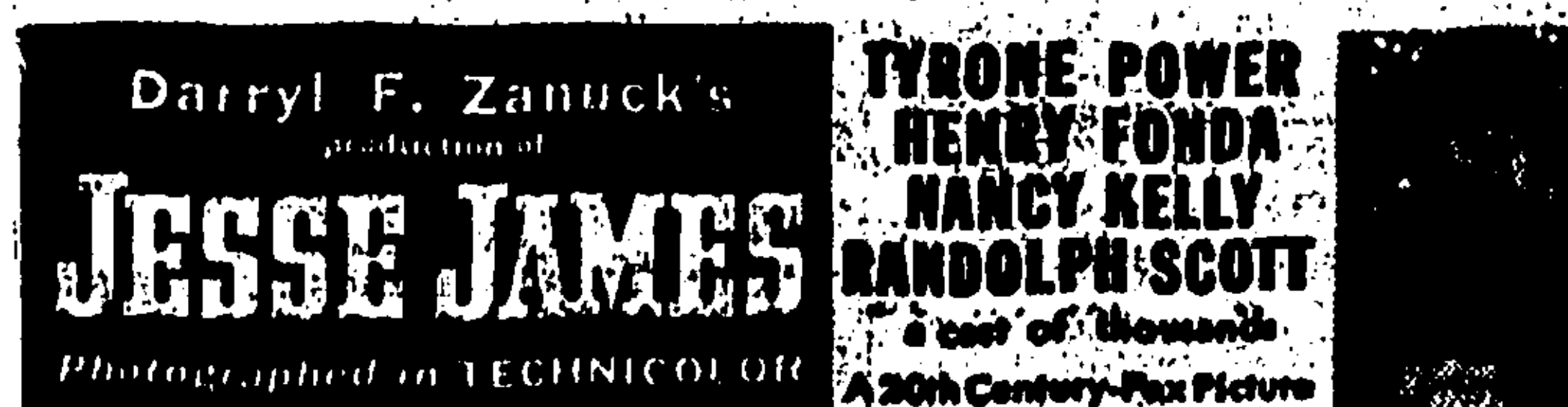
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London, To-day.

PRINCESS STEFANIE Hohenlohe, giving evidence in the High Court yesterday in support of her claim against Viscount Rothermere, proprietor of the "Daily Mail," for breach of contract, said that she saw Herr Hitler often on Viscount Rothermere's instructions.

To a question about a letter from Hitler to Rothermere beginning: "You had the great kindness to communicate to me a number of suggestions, etc.," the Princess said that she had communicated them on Viscount Rothermere's behalf.

Frequently, on missions on behalf of Lord Rothermere, she had to carry various presents and tokens, including tapestries, gold watches and cigarette cases.

She agreed that Lord Rothermere was an exceedingly wealthy and most generous man, but explained that she only asked for money for the reimbursement of her expenses. At Lord Rothermere's request, she entertained royally members of the German delegation to the Coronation. At least five of the delegation stayed at her house and there were dinner and opera parties.

ESPIONAGE LIBELS

The Princess continues that newspaper libels alleging that she was engaged in espionage had resulted in her exclusion from social functions.

Cross-examined by Sir William Jowett, K.C., Counsel for Lord Rothermere, Princess Stefanie stated that the bundle of correspondence produced in the action contained a large number of highly confidential letters between Lord Rothermere and eminent personages on the Continent which she had photographed at Lord Rothermere's specific request.

CROWN PRINCE'S LETTER

Questioned about a photographic copy of a letter written by the ex-Crown Prince to Lord Rothermere, the Princess said that she got a copy, at the Crown Prince's wish, from someone who dealt with all the Crown Prince's correspondence.

The Crown Prince told her later that he regretted ever having written it.

The Princess also told Sir William that Captain Wiedemann, formerly Hitler's personal adjutant was a very great friend. She last saw him on the day prior to his departure for San Francisco to take up his present post.

She had received from the German Chancellery, a photographic copy of a letter to Hitler from Lord Rothermere.

The hearing was adjourned. — Reuter.

"Profiteer" Swastika Painted On Shop Window

People going to church at Cobham, Surrey, saw the word "Profiteer," a swastika and hammer and sickle painted in big red characters across the window of a grocer's shop.

The police were called, and passers-by helped to scrub the paint from the window.

"BOSSSED" HITLER

A former German Army sergeant, now a naturalised Canadian, who gave orders to Hitler in the last war, has enlisted for active service with Canada's defence forces.

And all because he thinks that Hitler is "just nothing of a soldier."

A few days ago Paul Gurtler, of East Coulee, Alberta, Canada, walked into a Canadian Army recruiting office and said:—

"I fought side by side with Hitler in the last war. He was a corporal and I a sergeant. Now I will be happy to fight against him."

Gurtler told what he thought of Hitler as a soldier.

"AN ORDINARY PERSON"

"I couldn't tell a single inspiring tale about Corporal Hitler's part in the last war," he said. "It is a mystery to me, as it is to millions of others, how he 'won' that Iron Cross he now sports on his chest."

"I was with Hitler in the trenches for four or five months."

"All I can say about him now is that he was just a very ordinary person and a very, very ordinary soldier."

"If he showed any remarkable promise as a soldier during that time I would say so. But I wouldn't have recommended his fighting ability as a corporal then or now."

And concluded Gurtler, emphatically: "Hitler hasn't a ghost of a chance of winning the war."

THEIR "BIT"

After four inquests on persons killed during the black-out, the Birmingham city coroner (Dr. W. H. Davison) appealed to elderly persons to keep off the roads at night as much as possible.

"This is the best contribution that elderly people can make to see our country through the emergency," the coroner said.

DR. SUN'S BIRTHDAY

Local Chinese organisations and schools are making preparations to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, on November 12. Meetings will be held.

SHOT BY SENTRY IN THE BLACK-OUT

Samuel Stripp, a middle-aged Southern Railwayman, is in hospital recovering from an operation for the removal of a bullet from his stomach after having been shot by a sentry during the black-out.

Stripp, with another man, was crossing the railway line when he passed a position guarded by a soldier.

The sentry, after challenging the men, fired and shot Stripp, who was taken to hospital for an immediate operation.

Buckinghamshire people have been warned by police and A.R.P. warden that it is unsafe to approach areas in which searchlights are placed during hours of darkness.

"Sentries have orders to fire on all persons who do not obey on being challenged twice," the notice reads.

HAMMER FALLS ON GAIETY RELICS

"Villain" of the last performance at the famous Gaiety Theatre, London, was an auctioneer. With his hammer he ruthlessly scattered relics of thirty-six years of glittered and romance.

Lot after lot of the theatre's fittings and equipment was knocked down to keen-faced dealers.

Ropes dangled from the stage roof. The curtain was half-lowered, and naked lamps had been temporarily fitted up with a mass of trailing wires.

Looking on with disconsolate eyes stood Ted, the stage door-keeper, with him were blonde Josephine Bartlett and brunette Zelda Nolan, chorus girls in the Gaiety's last four shows.

Last ironic comment on the theatre's history was the sale for 7s. 6d. of two signs. They said "exit."

INSIDE GERMANY

PEELING TO-ORDER

Housewives waiting in queues outside Berlin shops are frequently dragged away by police, according to a correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraaf, quoted in the French wireless broadcast.

Police swoop down on the queues in cars and take the women to the barracks, where they are made to peel potatoes for the troops. They are told that if they have time to wait in queues they have time to do some work for the German soldier.

A neutral living in Berlin states in a letter received in Copenhagen:—

"There is enough food so far, but fat and meat rations are gradually being curtailed. Flour also has been rationed, but bread, vegetables, fruit and fish are still exempt from rationing."

A special permit is now necessary to buy textile goods, down to handkerchiefs and dusters, just as for footwear, mattresses, and so forth. When applying for the permit one has to state how many of the articles one

NO ORDERS FOR CRAFT IN U.S. YET

London, To-day.

Replying to a question in the Commons the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty said it was not intended at present to order any submarine chasers from the United States, and that in any case this would only be done if facilities for building this type of vessel were not available in the United Kingdom.—British Wireless.

BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

In connection with the British Contraband Control's desire to minimise inconvenience to neutrals, semi-official circles here point out that of 200 ships detained last week, only four complete cargoes were seized, while 102 complete cargoes were allowed to go forward.

Several neutral ships were allowed to go forward on condition that items of their cargo deemed to be contraband would be returned to England at the first opportunity.

Last week's total seizures of 400,000 tons since the beginning of the war included 11,500 tons of cereals from German ships.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL TO BROADCAST ON SUNDAY

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, is to deliver a broadcast on the war at 8.15 p.m. (G.M.T.) on Sunday evening.—Reuter.

RAID IN KOWLOON

Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey and a party of police officers raided a house in Reclamation Street last night.

Eight men were taken into custody following the discovery in the house of two revolvers.



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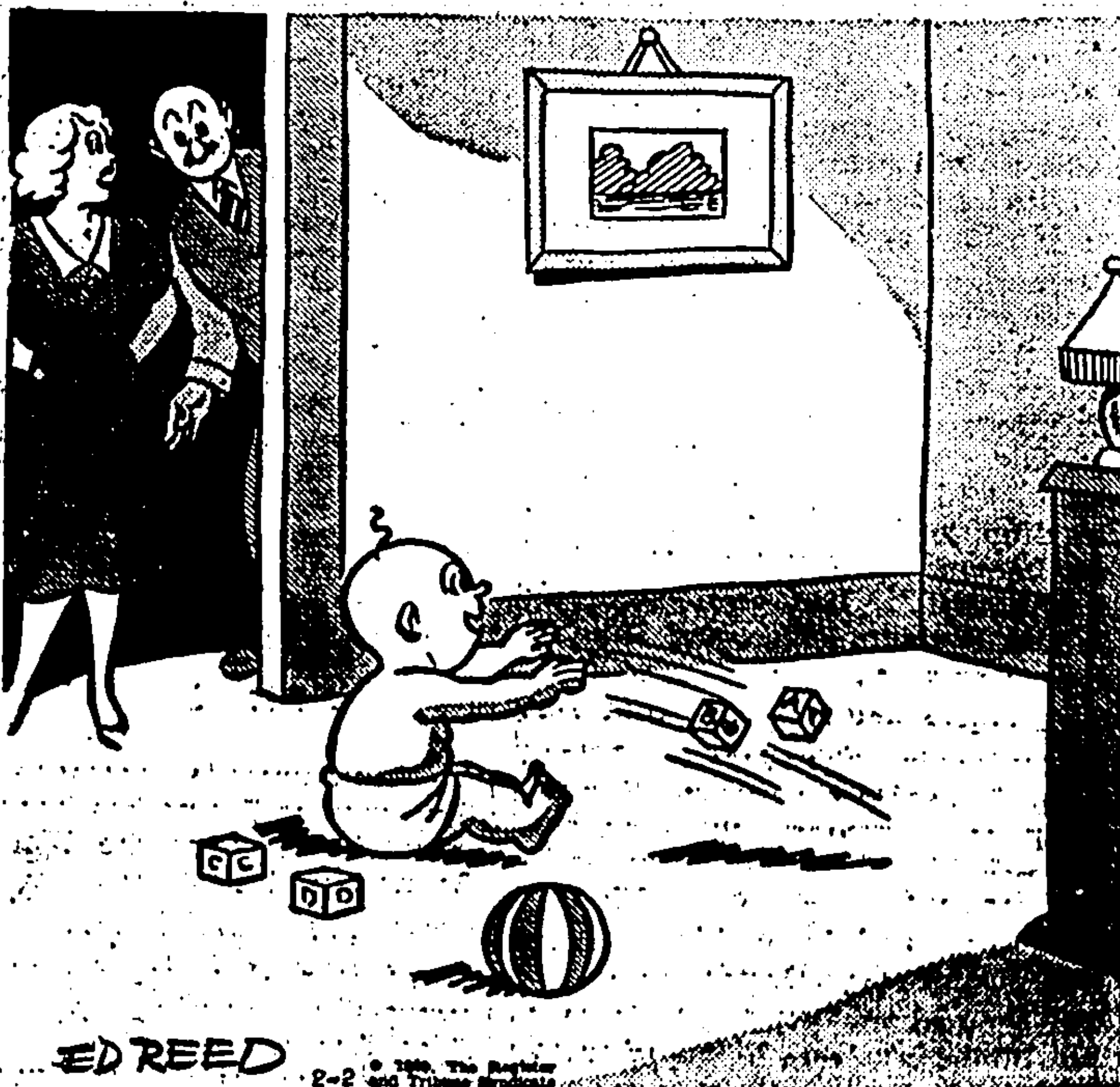
Lady Northcote caught by the camera when she opened the Christ Church fete.



Bishop Valtorta joins in the fun of the fair at the St. Vincent de Paul Fete.

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NAZI PLOT IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, To-day.

An authoritative statement broadcast in South Africa last night says the Union Government has in its possession incontrovertible evidence of details of a Nazi plot which was frustrated by measures taken by the Government at the outbreak of war.

The statement was issued in reply to a Zeesen broadcast of the night before denying that such a plot existed, and says there are in the possession of the Union Government authentic lists of members of each of the Nazi organisations in the principal cities of the Union.

Contacts between these organisations and the Black Shirt pro-Nazi movement in South Africa, who have associated themselves with the Nazi movement, are known to the Government.

PLAN TO ARM

The statement says further that the connection between the Nazi organisations and members of the Embassy staff of the German Minister Plenipotentiary has been conclusively proved, and that plans to arm and mobilise Black Shirt troops and to sabotage vital points in South African industrial organisations were also revealed.—British Wireless.

20 DEGREES DROP

WITH THE TYPHOON MOVING AWAY INTO THE PACIFIC, HONG KONG EXPERIENCED A SHARP OVERNIGHT DROP IN TEMPERATURE.

Compared to yesterday's maximum of 86 degrees, the temperature last night went as low as 66—a drop of 20 degrees!

Thermometer reading this morning was 73, with humidity 63 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone covers North China and is extending east and southward.

A shallow depression is moving north-eastward over south Japan.

Pressure remains relatively low to the east of the Philippines.

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Further donations will be gratefully received by F. G. Maunders, Secretary, Earl Hall's Fund, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building.

Cheques should be made payable to Thomson & Co., and be crossed Poppy Day Fund.

THE PREMIER'S MANSION HOUSE SPEECH

London, To-day.

THE INSTITUTION of exchange control represented a complete revolution, declared Mr. Chamberlain's speech at the Mansion House yesterday which was read by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon.

The control which, though not perfect to begin with, had yet with the help of the banks and other financial institutions, speedily attained an efficiency which other countries had taken years to reach.

"And do not let us overlook the fact that our resources in shipping and exchange, vast as they may be, are not without a limit.

"We do not know how long the war will last but we must be ready to fight it through to a victorious conclusion.

"Imports for the equipment of the armed forces have to fight for shipping space and foreign exchange needs of the civilian population.

"I hope therefore that the civilian will not forget that if he cannot buy luxury imports, if he hasn't enough petrol for his car and even has to forego some of the articles he is accustomed to see at his breakfast, he is helping to provide more ships and more foreign exchange for our war effort.

UNITY OF PEOPLE

Mr. Chamberlain said that one thing that stood out before everything in these first weeks of war was the essential and fundamental unity of the people.

"In our determination to achieve the task we have set before ourselves we have the support of all classes, all parties and all creeds in the nation.

"We are fortunate indeed to be able to claim a wider unity—the unity of Empire.

"In the Dominions and India and throughout the vast Colonial Empire we see the same appreciation of our cause and the same result will bring it to victory.

A NEW WORLD

"With France we have a most cordial and complete understanding.

"With such a spirit and with such supporters and allies we know we cannot fail, and I cherish the firm conviction that we shall live to see the foundation laid of a new world in which freedom and humanity will have superseded oppression and the rule of force."—Reuter.

COURAGEOUS SURVIVOR WEDS

A survivor of the aircraft-carrier *Courageous* was married at Bootle recently. Another survivor was his best man.

The bridegroom, Charles Lloyd, a native of Newport (Mon.), arrived at St. Elizabeth's Church, Litherland, in a brand new sailor's uniform, as he lost all his possessions in the ship.

His bride was a Bootle girl, Miss T. Hale, and the best man was William Meadows, also of Bootle.

Lloyd told the press: "I was blown clear of the ship by the explosion, and vowed that if I was saved I would get married as soon as I could."

HITLER'S LITTLE DISCOURTESIES

The Hague, To-day.

Reference is made here to Hitler's discourtesy in making no mention in his speech of the Belgo-Dutch peace appeal.

However, the Netherlands expects

GAOL FOR BOGUS R.A.F. OFFICER

Francis Byrne Worman, 33, of Derby-street, W., alleged to have represented himself as an R. A. F. officer, formerly in the Foreign Office and the Secret Service, and to have claimed to be a cousin of Mr. Anthony Eden, was sent to prison for 12 months with hard labour at Bow-street.

Worman was accused before Mr. McKenna of fraudulently inducing Sir Horace Bayer to execute bankers' guarantees for sums amounting to £1,900, of which he admitted £1,375, and with obtaining by fraud £1,000 from Mr. Eustace Guinness.

Worman pleaded guilty to three charges concerning Sir Horace Bayer and to the two charges respecting Mr. Guinness. Mr. E. Clayton prosecuted.

Sir Horace Bayer, of Southwood, Silverdale, Sydenham, S. E., said that Worman told him he had been personal pilot to the late Lord Thomson when he was Air Minister. He also told him that he had been connected with the Foreign Office and the Secret Service.

LETTER ON F.O. PAPER

"He showed me a letter upbraiding him for leaving the Foreign Office," said Sir Horace. "It was on Foreign Office paper, typewritten, and was signed 'M. H.' I asked him who 'M. H.' was, and he said 'Maurice Hankey,' now Lord Hankey.

"He showed me a letter from the Prime Minister's room in the House of Commons: it was signed 'Ramsay MacDonald.'"

Sir Horace said that Worman also showed him a letter signed "Anthony Eden," and told him that Mr. Anthony Eden was his cousin.

Worman told him that he wanted money to go to Canada and Egypt to map out airports for the Air Ministry.

Mr. Clayton said that Worman also represented to Mr. Guinness that he was an officer in the R.A.F.

Det.-sergt. Marshall, Scotland Yard,

HORSES REPLACE CARS 'IN DOCK'

They called it the "carmen's slump" two years ago when 75 per cent. of London's horses were taken off the streets and sent into retirement.

But to-day, because of the war, the carman is back again on London's streets, while the enemy that pushed him off the road—the van and lorry—is stored away for the duration.

A reporter visited one of London's big Government contracting firms, Henry Boyer, Ltd., of Paddington, to see just how things had changed.

The stables, which two years ago had been converted into garages, had been converted back to stables.

And the carmen were there too. Fifty of them. Many who had been with the firm ten, twenty and thirty years, until the slump came, were all back at their old jobs.

"It was wonderful to see all the old faces back in the yard," said the secretary.

"One horse refused to budge an inch when he was put between the shafts, all because the carman who was put in charge of him wasn't the same one he had two years ago.

"We had to find his old carman to drive him. And the horse knew immediately. They were like two old pals when they met again."

a German answer through diplomatic channels.—Reuter.

YELLOW ROBES FOR LOYALTY

A picturesque message to the Governor of Burma has been received from the head of the Maha Sangas Council in Mandalay.

"I and ninety-nine sayadaws (head-monks) of the Council wish to express our loyalty to his Majesty King George the Sixth.

"So that the British Empire may be free from danger and be in peace, we made offerings in various forms in accordance with Buddhist rites, ninety-nine images of Buddha, and nine Sayadaws, and by presenting distributed charity by feeding ninety-one set of yellow robes to each of the Sayadaws.

"I request that your Excellency may be pleased to convey to his Majesty the King this message of our loyalty."

THE "MIRACLE" OF MUNICH: TIME OF HITLER SPEECH ADVANCED BY HALF AN HOUR

Berlin, To-day.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that several arrests in connection with the bombing at the Buergerbrau, Munich, have already been made.

An official German statement yesterday afternoon described Hitler's escape as a "miracle." The explosion was timed for 9.20 p.m.; in former years, Hitler has started speaking at 8.30 p.m. and gone on talking till 10 p.m.

On this occasion, the time of the speech was advanced by half an hour and, instead of chatting with his old comrades, Hitler left immediately after concluding his speech.

The explosion occurred ten minutes later and the debris was 9 feet high where he had been standing. If the meeting had proceeded as in former years, all the leaders of the Party would have been in their seats at the place where the bomb exploded.

The death roll is officially given as eight dead and 23 severely injured. No prominent names are among the casualties and the D.N.B. denies that Hess was among them. The reward by an anonymous donor for the arrest of those responsible has been increased by 100,000 Marks to 600,000 marks (about £30,000).

HISTORIC MONUMENT

Mr. R. H. Crossman, who knows Munich well, described the Buergerbrau Cellar in a talk from Daventry last night.

It is one of the historic monuments of Nazi-ism, he said, and every year on November 8 Hitler and his men come to celebrate the part they played in the putsch of November, 1923. It was from this cellar that they started out on the procession that was to be a triumphal one but ended when those taking part were fired on by a few German soldiers.

The celebrations are in honour of the six Nazis killed on that occasion. It is not a big cellar like that of the Hofbrau Haus cellar. It is situated on one side of a small courtyard, and is a somewhat gloomy hall about 150 feet long, with dark Gothic windows and a gallery.

1923 INCIDENT

It was here that the Prime Minister of Bavaria was making his speech calling on his hearers to take part in a putsch when Hitler broke in, fired a shot, shouted that the building was surrounded by armed men.

Hitler then took charge of the meeting and announced his own putsch. The Prime Minister subsequently double-crossed him and when the procession started the next day it was met not by an enthusiastic and cheering crowd but by the German Army.

One volley scattered the parade and only Ludendorff still marched forward. Hitler was arrested 48 hours later, and that was the end of the Munich Putsch of 1923.—Reuter.

DEATHROLL NOW PUT AT NINE

Berlin, To-day.

According to the latest reports, the death-roll is now nine.

It is asserted that no leading members of the Nazi Party were injured.

The beer hall is now a great heap of rubble with shattered pillars.

A number of women were among the injured.

The statement that Rudolf Hess was among the leading members of the Nazi Party in Munich who gave

GERMAN PRESS SCREAMS FURY AT BRITAIN

Amsterdam, To-day.

WITH THE GERMAN PRESS screaming fury and defiance at Great Britain, the German secret police yesterday failed to produce a shred of evidence in support of the claim that the attempt on Hitler's life was organised by the British Secret Service.

The German people, according to latest reports from Berlin, are taking the matter very seriously, and are wondering on whom revenge is to fall.

Possible victims include the Jews, interned British subjects, political prisoners, the whole British nation or possibly even a section of the Nazi Party.

At any rate a reign of terror is awaited, and it is clear from hints dropped that Germany's enemies at home are to be the first to suffer.

According to Dutch correspondents, an infernal machine was placed somewhere in the roof immediately above the tribune from which Hitler spoke, and while Hitler was hurling defiance at Britain the bomb was ticking away above his head.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA WAR LOAN

Canberra, To-day.

The Loan Council yesterday approved a loan of £10,000,000 at 3½ per cent. for immediate defence requirements. No public loan will be required until early in 1940.—Reuter.

THE FIRST BOMB

London, To-day.

The German Freedom Station, commenting on the beer cellar explosion, said: "The first bomb against German dictatorship has exploded."

The death roll is now reported to be seven killed and 63 injured, 29 of them seriously.—Reuter.

orders for rescue work following the explosion is made in a further announcement about the affair issued by D.N.B., and this appears to dispose of reports current earlier that Hess was among the victims.—Reuter.

ITALY WAXES INDIGNANT

Rome, To-day.

The Italian newspapers express the Italian public's indignation at the attempt on Herr Hitler and voice satisfaction that he was fortunate enough to leave before the explosion occurred.

The King and Mussolini sent telegrams to Hitler congratulating him on his escape, while the Italian Ambassador in Berlin sent a message of condolence to von Ribbentrop.—Reuter.

NEW POGROM THREAT IN GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "Daily Mail" reports from Zurich that a new regulation in Germany compels Jews to give up clothing, foodstuffs, blankets, mattresses, bedsteads and kitchen utensils which are needed for the troops.

The measure may be the starting point of a new anti-Semitic drive aiming at diverting the population's attention from internal difficulties.—Havas.

HITLER HOLDS WAR COUNCIL

London, To-day.

A special Gestapo (Nazi secret police) commission has been formed in Germany to investigate the beer cellar explosion.

Many have been detained in connexion with the explosion.

The original reward of £50,000 has been increased by a further £5,000 for any information from abroad leading to the arrest of the instigators of the plot.

D.N.B., the official Nazi news agency, alleges: "The trail leads to a foreign country."

COUNCIL IN BERLIN

Meanwhile Hitler yesterday held a council of his advisers in Berlin at which Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy (previously reported to have been one of the casualties in the explosion) was stated to have been present.

The council is stated in Berlin to have been a War Council and to have no connexion with the explosion.—Reuter.

SKELETON KEYS

Arrested by Sergeant McDermott in Pitt Street yesterday with skeleton keys, Li Hing, 25, and Yip Wan, 22, alleged by the police to be bicycle thieves, were this morning sentenced to one month's hard labour for possession of keys for an unlawful purpose.

QUEEN WILHELMINA SENDS MESSAGE

Amsterdam, To-day.

Queen Wilhelmina has telegraphed to Herr Hitler congratulating him on his escape.—Reuter.

FINNISH CABINET IN SESSION

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish Cabinet met late last night to discuss a report from the delegation in Moscow on the talks with the Soviet.

The Moscow meeting between the two delegations yesterday, which lasted an hour, was attended by Stalin.—Reuter.

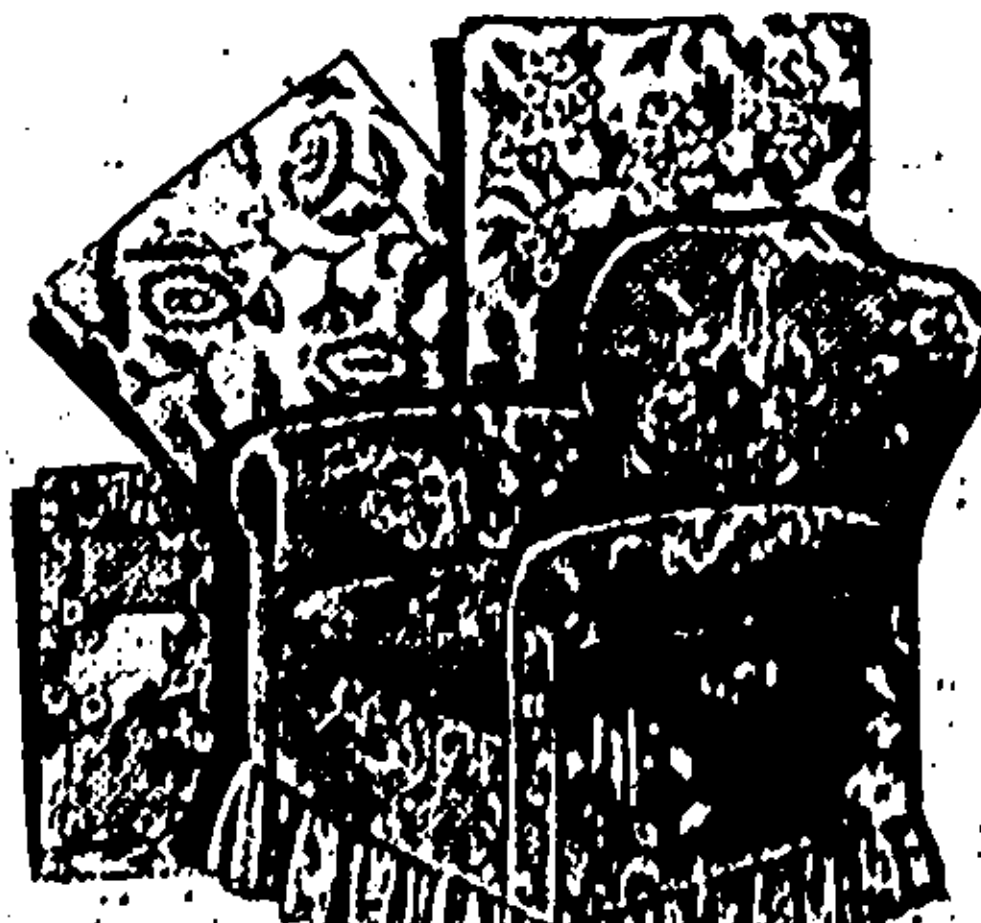
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT EXPECTED

Moscow, To-day.

The Finnish-Soviet discussions were resumed here yesterday afternoon.

It is expected here that a peaceable settlement will be realised.—Reuter.

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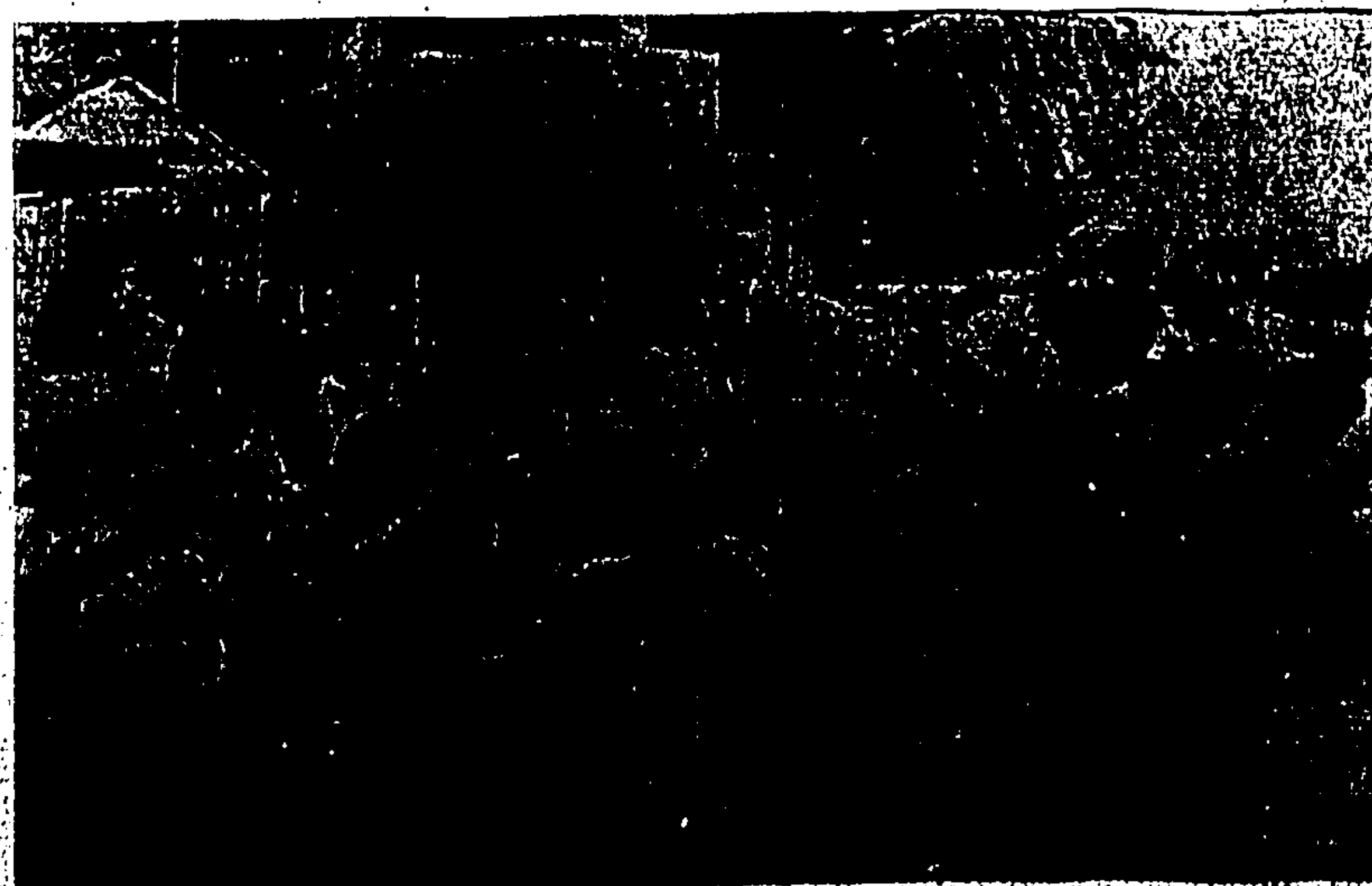
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Father Brookes at the All Saints services at Happy Valley.



The choir at the All Saints Day service at Happy Valley.



The fish pond was a popular spot at the Christ Church garden.

ALMOST CERTAIN VICTORY FOR ALLIES PREDICTED ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS

London, To-day.

IN AN INTERESTING address to the Royal Philosophical Society in Glasgow last night, Professor Shirras, former Director of Statistics with the Government of India and Professor of Economics at Bombay University, surveyed the war potentials of Great Britain and Germany mainly from the economic viewpoint.

Special interest attaches to Professor Shirras' address in view of the close contact in which he has been for many years with German economic and financial conditions and first-hand information he has received from Nazi officials concerned.

One of the chief factors which led Professor Shirras to believe in almost certain victory for the Allies, if they managed to hold out for the first three or four months of war, during which time their national economies could smoothly change over from uncontrolled to controlled organisation, was that Germany, financially and economically, paid the price of the war strain long before the outbreak of hostilities, while the Allies, in contrast to the resultant overstrained and already exploited reserve forces in Germany, possessed enormous reserves.

CREDIT POSITION

Professor Shirras also referred to the vastly superior credit position of the Allies.

Germany, he said, since the last war had been a debtor country and now possessed a minimum of gold, foreign exchange and foreign investments.

Her difficulties in trading were vestly increased by Britain's command of the sea.

Concluding, Professor Shirras said that with controlled economy Britain's national income could quite well rise from some £4,000,000,000 to some £7,000,000,000.

MAXIMUM WAR EFFORT

Assuming the same proportion of our expenditure as in the last year of the last war, we would be able to increase our expenditure as we got to maximum war effort to at least £300,000,000 per month.

We should at least be able to devote half the total resources of the community on the prosecution of the war as we did in the last war, and with the national income increased in real terms by 15 or 20 per cent., might well pay even a higher percentage.

Germany, on the other hand, Professor Shirras contended, was already at the peak of her war effort. — British Wireless.

DESTROYER COLLISION

Lisbon, To-day.

The Portuguese destroyer, Vouga, was slightly damaged yesterday following a collision with the Norwegian steamer Sysla, which dragged her anchor and hit the warship's bows.

The presence of mind of the destroyer's commander prevented a more serious accident. — Havas.

WANTS DOG NAMED HITLER

Wembley greyhound racing authorities have been requested by an owner of four unnamed puppies to reserve the names of Hitler, Goering, Ribbentrop and Goebbels.

It is unlikely, however, that this "humorist" will ever see these names on a face card, as it is the policy of the National Greyhound Racing Club to discourage the naming of grey-

HITLER IS AFRAID OF BODYGUARD

Hitler mistrusted his "elite" corps, the black-uniformed bodyguard, and that is why he has chosen a new guard of 900 men.

The new men, of splendid physical fitness, were picked by Goering and Hess, the two deputies of Hitler.

The former bodyguard was the creation of Himmler, the Gestapo (secret police) chief.

Since the announcement in the Reichstag on the eve of the war, that Goering and Hess would succeed Hitler should anything happen to him, Hitler has feared the revenge of Himmler, who hoped to be Hitler's successor.

Foreign observers have noticed during the last two weeks that Himmler's agents are watching Himmler has not been seen in Hitler's company.

Himmler, it is suggested, now faces the fate of Captain Roehm, who was killed in the Nazi "purge" of June, 1934.

"REDS" FREED

And now Hitler has a new worry—and perhaps a new reason for a completely trust-worthy bodyguard.

Ernst Thaelmann, German Communist leader who was flung into gaol by the Nazis as soon as Hitler came to power in 1933, is to be released, and with him thousands of Communists now in concentration camps.

This was reported by the Berlin correspondent of the Danish newspaper, "National Tidende."

The newspaper (quoted by Reuter), says that the release of the Communists is a result of the Nazi-Soviet talks in Moscow. The Nazis, it is added, have promised to eradicate all extreme forms of anti-Communist propaganda.

The release of Communists, at the insistence of Stalin, will strengthen the "underground" opposition to Hitler, but may not receive the approval of those who wish to see a more moderate leadership of the anti-Hitler forces inside Germany.

Thaelmann, a Hamburg docker, was the Communist candidate for the Presidency of Germany when the Reich was still a democracy. He polled 5,000,000 votes when the late General Hindenburg was elected. Hitler was another unsuccessful candidate at that time.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated: "There was no activity of any importance during the day." — Reuter.

hounds, after individuals. A recent arrival at the Wembley kennels was Lucky Reltib—Reltib being Hitler backwards.

FREEDOM STATION ON BOMB PLOT

HITLER WILL NOT ESCAPE

London, To-day.

The German freedom station, referring to the attempt on Hitler's life, declared: "The first bomb against the German dictatorship exploded in Munich. Many will follow."

"Though Hitler has eluded once more the punishment he deserves he will not escape from his fate."

"There is nobody in Germany who will not help the heroes of Munich to flee and give them shelter and assist them in hiding so that next time they will be able to strike at Hitler himself—Germany's arch enemy." — Reuter.

INJURED MAN CAUTIONED

"A man who alighted from a moving bus last week, had his head fractured and was removed to the cemetery instead of the hospital," said Mr. E. Himsforth this morning to a Shanghai Chinese, Shu Tsui-ting, who received a fractured leg in jumping off a bus in Hung-hom.

Shu was discharged from hospital yesterday and was cautioned.

MEIN KAMPF BANNED IN FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.
Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and certain Soviet publications have been banned in Finland, while anti-Communist literature has disappeared from the bookshelves. — Reuter.

AIR ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS

The American theory that the bombing of civilians is useless as an instrument of war will require no review following the recent trial of such methods by the Germans in the Polish campaign.

The complete rejection of attacks on civilian centres was one of a number of conclusions formulated in February last year by strategists of the American General Staff and the Army Air Corps.

Their view was based on a dispassionate examination of the results of operations in China, Spain and Abyssinia.

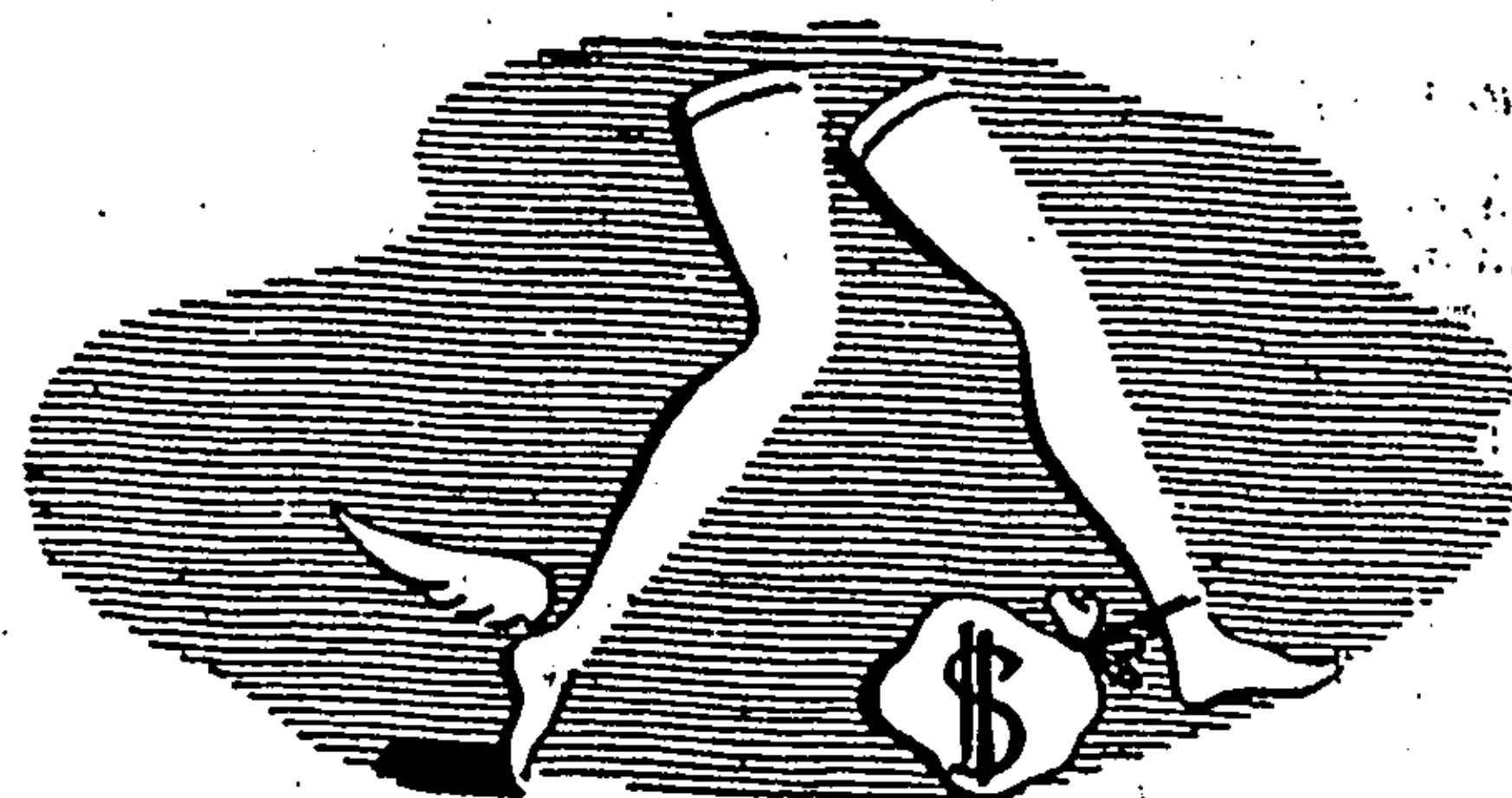
The conclusion reached was that air forces can be more profitably employed in attempting the destruction of the enemy's aircraft and air bases.

The General Staff stated there was no reason to expect air attack from massed aircraft-carriers lying off the American coast.

Dive-bombing at land objectives was not considered a sound method because such objectives, if of military importance, would be well defended. Dive-bombing on warships is, however, necessitated by the comparative smallness of the target.

Precision bombing, employing modern sighting instruments, was adopted as the method of attack on military objectives on land.

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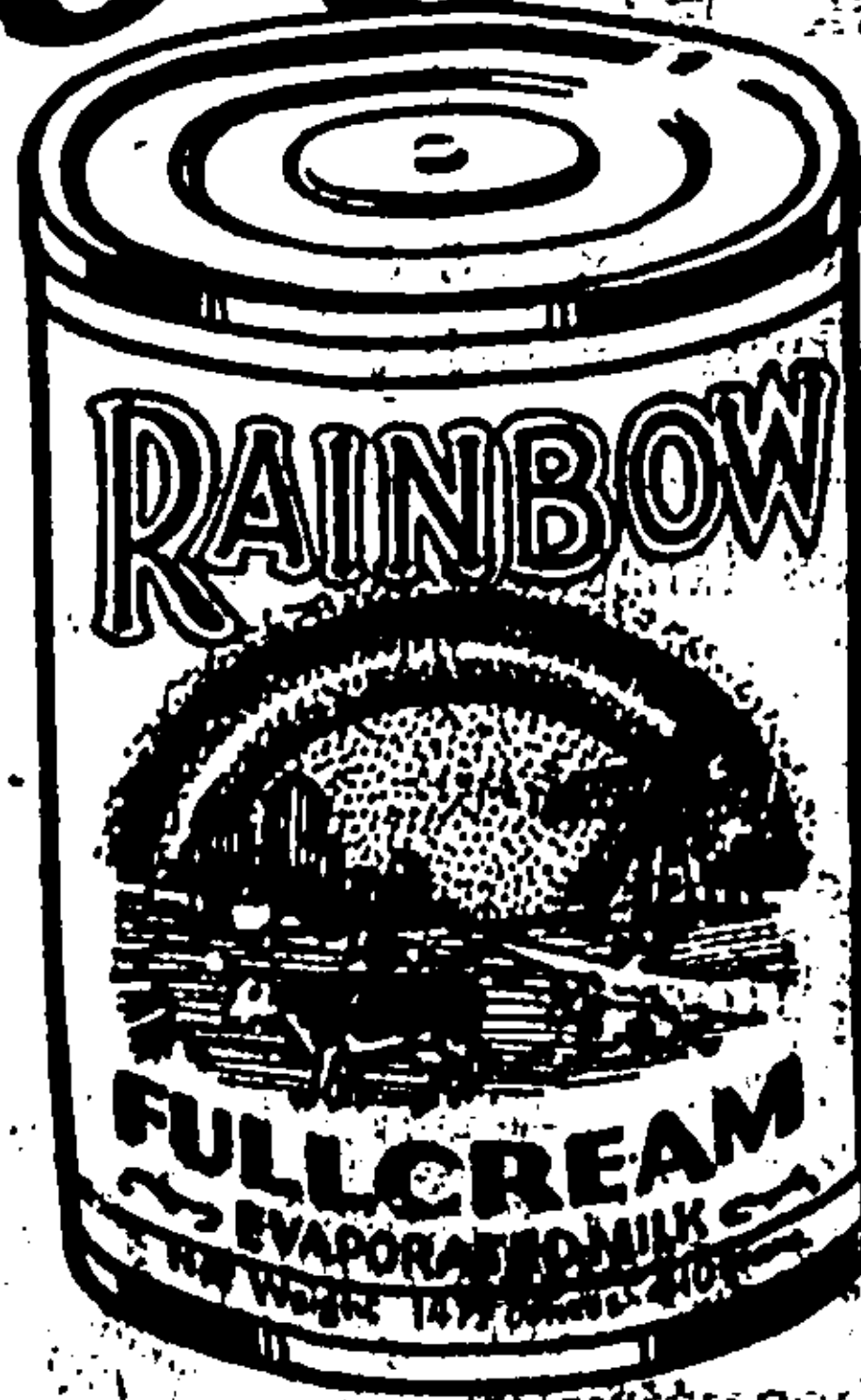
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INCOME TAX DEBATE

By The Editor

Yesterday's tense debate in Legislative Council on the Government's income tax proposals was, necessarily, inconclusive. Completely as it dominated the proceedings, the issue was not strictly before the Legislature and there is still opportunity for counsel and reflection. No-one, after a careful study of the speech of the Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine, can regard that as other than an asset.

On the other side, too, the trend of the debate must be invested with its full importance. Seldom have Unofficial Members of Council been so solid in opposition to an official measure and whatever personal views may be held regarding the merits in principle or local practice of income tax, it must be regarded as profoundly satisfying that His Excellency the Governor gave his free assurance that the Official Majority would not be used to carry it through willy-nilly.

Such unanimity could only arise, at least as far as the European members were concerned, from earnest conviction that because of the strenuous objections of the Chinese community, as expressed by the Chinese representatives, a grave element of risk could not be discounted. On that basis, no matter how fears may have been exaggerated, beyond all relation to the facts, it is difficult to see how the measure can be proceeded with unless, as Mr. Dodwell suggested, some method is devised of making it less unpalatable to the Chinese.

In saying so much, we have not deviated one jot from the line we have hitherto followed in the income tax controversy. Anonymous letters have not impressed us one bit. With Mr. Caine, we believe that no alternative tax can be introduced which will more equitably place the burden on the shoulders best fitted to bear it. With him, we believe that campaigners against income tax have grotesquely exaggerated the possibilities of economic ill-consequences. With him, we detect in the opposition a mere resurrection of all the arguments ever produced in any community where income tax has been proposed for the first time, invariably to be confounded at the test.

The Hon. Financial Secretary indeed made his points with a dash which challenges the contrarist. The only thing wrong with his speech, it might be said, was that it was not prepared much sooner and circulated

in memorandum form, before opinions had time to become fixed under the influence of persistent propaganda.

In any case, it is plain on but a cursory examination of his outline that the Government are prepared to go far to meet the principal objections raised. Refugee capital, earning bank interest only, is to be exempt from the tax. Special concessions are proposed for newly-established factories, and there can be no obstacle to the establishment of businesses for they do not become liable until well-established on a profit-making basis. Such modifications of the original proposals as will lighten the burden on the lower-income group will not be resisted. The beauty of income tax, Mr. Caine pointed out, is that such adjustments can be made in a way which is impossible with any other tax.

As to the alternative methods of taxation suggested in Council and out of it, the primary objection to most of them is that by "spreading the risk" they take the weight from the higher income group and place it on the broad mass of the community down to the lowest coolie. In this connection, there has been a curious disposition to overlook the work of the Taxation Commission. However dubious certain members of that Commission may have been about the desirability of income tax, this much is certain: The whole range of taxation, existing and potential, was exhaustively studied. The test of equitability and ease of collection was applied to every fiscal device. And the conclusion reached was that, of all the means available to Government, income tax won first place on its merits inclusive of all qualifications, if it became necessary to budget for a substantial increase of revenue.

Nothing has changed since April last when the Commission reported, except the outbreak of war in Europe, and the finding must be as valid to-day as it was then.

If, therefore, Government were to accept yesterday's debate as finally destroying the income tax plan, it would be a grave error. Mr. Caine's explanations and assurances warrant close study, and call for re-consideration of their position by objectors. When examination of the draft Bill has been completed and it is submitted in final form to Council, that will be the appropriate moment for a final verdict.

U-BOAT BOLTS FROM U.S. DESTROYER

How an attack by a U-boat on a British windjammer was prevented by the appearance of an American warship was told by Adm. Courtney, in command of the cruiser Trenton, when he arrived in Lisbon from Villefranche.

In response to the windjammer's appeal for provisions Adm. Courtney despatched the destroyer Jacob Jones.

While the destroyer was approaching the windjammer the submarine rose to the surface, but hurriedly dived again.

PREMIER HAS LITTLE HOPE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister's speech at Mansion House referred to Queen Wilhelmina and King Leopold's communication to the belligerents.

Mr. Chamberlain said: "Everyone will appreciate the lofty motives which have actuated the two Sovereigns in thus offering their good offices in the hope of avoiding further extension of the war."

"I confess I am not very hopeful of a satisfactory response from the German Chancellor in view of past experience."

"Nevertheless we do not want to continue a day longer than is necessary if a satisfactory settlement can be obtained in another way."

ADVICE TO KING

"In due course it will be the duty of His Majesty's Government to tender to His Majesty our advice as to the nature of the reply he should make, but before we can do so it will naturally be necessary for us to consult with the Dominions and our friends and allies who are standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the struggle.—British Wireless."

POLES STILL RESIST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Many refugees from the German-occupied part of Poland declare that the Germans are meeting with armed resistance from remnants of the Polish Army, in addition to passive resistance by the population due to economic hardships.

Soviet troops are also being harassed, especially in the neighbourhood north of Lwow and in the Pinsk Marshes.

The same refugees declare that peasants are sheltering and sharing their scanty food with Polish irregulars.

Meanwhile it is reported that the Germans are disappointed with the economic results of the Polish conquest.

HAVOC WITH ROADS

Retreating from Posnania the Poles destroyed large quantities of wheat, while the war has played havoc with roads and railways.

The Germans are compelling Polish prisoners to carry out the necessary repairs.—Havas.

BELGIANS AND DUTCH MAN FRONTIER DEFENCES

London, To-day.

REPORTS FROM AMSTERDAM and Brussels report that further military precautions have been taken by the Netherlands and Belgian Governments.

The main defence line running through the centre of the Netherlands has now been flooded, and buses were commandeered to evacuate the inhabitants. Railways services have been much cramped.

The Netherlands Army now controls main roads all over the country, while soldiers are busy digging trenches in the appendix of Holland, near the Albert Canal, in the south.

In Belgium, the Army has fully manned all defences.

A shooting incident (which is not officially confirmed) is reported from the Netherlands-German frontier.

An elderly man is reported to have been shot dead, presumably by Nazi frontier guards.

Meanwhile, earlier reports of the concentration of German mechanised forces on the Netherlands frontier are followed by messages revealing the concentration of large bodies of cavalry.

TANKS CAN'T SWIM

It is recalled, in this connection, that months before the outbreak of war the German Army started buying up all the horses it could get.

One commentator remarks: "Tanks can't swim" — a reference to a possible German attempt to use cavalry in an attack through the flooded areas in the Lowlands.

Though ready for the worst, it is stated in The Hague and Brussels that the situation is not worse than a few days ago, and that there is no imminent danger.—Reuter.

ALLIED CONFIDENCE

London, To-day.

The Allied armies are confident that if Belgium's worst fears are justified, Germany will not repeat her initial success of the last war, telegraphs Reuter's special correspondent on the western front.

They are ready to give the German Army a hot reception if it appears on the Belgian flank.

There is every reason to hope that any German wave will be stopped before it has gathered sufficient momentum to sweep through Belgium, but if not, it will encounter a fatal line on the Franco-Belgian border.

FRENCH MEASURE

The French are pushing forward preparations on the northern part of the Maginot Line.

Miniature fortresses fit snugly into the crest of hills equipped with anti-tank guns, some of which point backwards to traps in which any tanks breaking through the first defence are almost bound to founder.—Reuter.

GERMAN MOVEMENTS

London, To-day.

Reports have been received in London of the presence of German cavalry near the Dutch frontier and of the movement of petrol by rail towards the same district.—Reuter.

BRITISH MINISTER IN PARIS

London, To-day.

The King has approved the appointment of Mr. Oliver Harvey, since January, 1938, Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary, to be British Minister at Paris.

The new British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Ronald Campbell, has just taken up his duties there.—British Wireless.

EXPLOSION IN BRITISH STEAMER

London, To-day.

Two were killed and six injured in an explosion on board a British steamer in the North Sea yesterday.—Reuter.

GERMANY IGNORES PROTEST

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY FROM BERLIN TO ITS PROTEST AGAINST THE FLIGHT OVER BELGIAN TERRITORY OF GERMAN AEROPLANES.

Yesterday afternoon, it was announced here that several foreign aircraft were sighted flying over south-eastern Belgium.—Reuter.

INCOME TAX

CHINESE SUPPORT OF MR. CAINE

"Income Tax is the best and most just of all taxes," declares the influential Chinese journal, "Ta Kung Pao" in a leaderette this morning.

"Any other tax will surely transfer the greater part of the burdens and responsibilities of the wealthy classes on to the shoulders of the poorer people. What else will be the result?"

"We recognise the necessity of the Hong Kong Government raising additional revenue, and we believe that Income Tax is the most reasonable of all taxes."

"All the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council simultaneously opposed Income Tax yesterday afternoon, but each point they raised in opposition, was successfully countered by the brilliant reply of Mr. Sydney Caine."

"We know that many of our nationals are passing a luxurious life here, but there are even many more who are struggling merely to exist. The latter are those who will suffer by the imposition of any other tax."

"NATIONAL TIMES" ALSO

"The imposition of a tax, other than Income Tax, to raise revenue, will greatly increase the burdens of the average man," states the "National Times" this morning.

"Outwardly, taxes on goods, imports and exports, appear to effect only the merchants and industrialists, but in reality fall entirely on the shoulders of the man in the street."

"Income Tax, however, does not allow this to occur. Everybody should support Income Tax."

These are the only newspapers which have, so far, commented.



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CHINA PEACE OUTLOOK

MR. SUN FO THINKS THERE IS A CHANCE IF JAPAN'S LIBERALS HAVE INFLUENCE

AMERICANS WAITING FOR REPORT

Washington, To-day.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, told his daily press conference yesterday that he was waiting for official diplomatic reports on the Munich bombing before deciding whether to congratulate Hitler.

It is stated that officials here wish to be certain that an attempt was really made, as described, and that it does not belong to the same category as the Reichstag fire.

They wish to ascertain whether the explosion was an act of war or accidental before expressing official opinions.

Nevertheless, if the moral issue is set aside, American opinion, both official and unofficial, seems to be that there are cracks in the German facade as presented to the world. — Reuter.

RACING IN SPRING AS USUAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE RACING CALENDAR STATES THAT FLAT RACING FIXTURES IN 1940 WILL BE THE NORMAL LIST WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD IF THERE HAD BEEN NO WAR.

The season begins on March 25 with meetings at Kempton, Birmingham and Newcastle, and ends on November 23 at Manchester.

Derby Day is on June 5 and Ascot from August 18 to 21.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club are publishing the conditions of races in 1940/41 and 1942/43 and wish it clearly to be understood that fixtures are liable to be cancelled should conditions or circumstances demand, but they will endeavour to maintain a portion of the list practicable, and should the necessity arise will substitute fresh fixtures where racing is permissible. — Reuter.

FRITZ KUHN ON TRIAL

New York, To-day.
Fritz Kuhn, leader of the pro-Nazi organisation, the German-American Bund, appeared for trial yesterday on a charge of grand larceny for the theft of \$3,837 from the Bund funds.

Kuhn had failed in attempts to obtain postponement and a change of venues because he considered he would not get a fair trial in New York. — Reuter.

London, To-day.
"MY CONVERSATION with Lord Halifax was very encouraging," said Mr. Sun Fo, China's special envoy to Europe, in an interview with Reuter after he had seen the Foreign Secretary yesterday.

"I am satisfied that there is no change in the British policy towards China," Mr. Sun Fo added.

Mr. Sun Fo said he had only come to London to renew contacts, and he hopes to see other Cabinet Ministers if their arduous duties in wartime allow.

He is staying a few days and then goes to Paris, which is his headquarters for the present. He went to Paris from Moscow a month ago via Odessa, and took ship to Italy.

Mr. Sun Fo expressed the opinion that the Soviet had no idea of entering the war at present, but the Allies should do everything possible to keep Russia neutral.

Mr. Sun Fo doubted Russia's ability to supply Germany with much petrol and iron ore owing to her own requirements, but she might send Germany foodstuffs.

The Allies, he said, ought to buy all the available surplus of Russian produce.

IN FAR EAST.

Regarding the Far East Mr. Sun Fo is of opinion that Russian policy will continue as hitherto.

"She has always given help to China and will continue doing so."

"I am sure Russia has no desire for war with Japan, and only will resist Japanese aggression, which is easily done in view of the superiority of Russian armaments as shown in the Nomonhan fighting."

Mr. Sun Fo emphatically repudiated the recent rumour that Russian troops had invaded Sinkiang.

NOT EASY

He had seen several Chinese agents from Sinkiang recently, and "to march troops in Sinkiang, where oases are interspersed with tracts of desert, isn't easy."

Mr. Sun Fo was sure that Wang Ching-wei would never attract influential Chinese or business men. Certainly no-one from Chungking would assist him to form a pro-Japanese government.

PEACE PROSPECTS

Questioned on the possibilities of peace in the Far East Mr. Sun Fo replied, stressing that he only gave his personal opinion, that if the liberal elements regained influence in Japan it might be possible to discuss peace on reasonable terms.

"But generally it would seem that peace in the Far East must depend on the issue of the war in Europe." — Reuter.

BIG INCREASE IN DUMPED BODIES

Dead bodies, totalling 2,991 were found by the Police in the streets in 1938.

The average during the four previous years was just over 1,000.

The figure for last year indicates the extra work thrown upon the police, medical and sanitary departments.

MISS HARROP LEADS RAID

MISS PHYLLIS HARROP, LADY ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS IS ON THE WARPATH ONCE AGAIN.

After several months of inactivity outdoors, Miss Harrop headed a party of police officers, including her Chinese lady assistant, and raided the second floor of No. 114, Temple Street, Yaumati, late on Wednesday night.

The place raided was alleged to be a brothel. Eleven men and four women and girls were found in the place.

The men were allowed to go but the four women were detained and will appear at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

THREE SENTENCED

As a sequel to the raid, four women, Wong Luk, 48; Yip Sam, alias Tsat Ku, 32; Lau Kam, 40; and Wong Lai, 60; were charged with being keepers of a brothel.

The first three were convicted on evidence by Miss Harrop, and fined \$30, or six weeks' hard labour. The fourth was discharged.

Miss Harrop testified that eleven men and six girls were found in the premises. The women were alleged to be in charge of the girls.

The girls were ordered to be sent to the Po Leung Kuk.

SERIOUS CRIME LESS IN 1938

According to the annual report of the Commissioner of Police for 1938, the total number of cases (except summonses) dealt with by the police was 60,943, as against 55,722 in 1937, being an increase of 5,221 or 9.3%.

There were 11,388 serious crimes during the period under review as against 12,434 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 1,046 or 8.4%.

There were a total of 116 cases of robbery: 36 on the Island; 44 on the mainland; one in New Territories South; and 25 in New Territories North.

GERMANY'S CLAIMS UNDER TEST

London, To-day.
Persistent German allegations regarding the domination of the North Sea fail to explain why the City of Flint was obliged to hug Norwegian territorial waters in her voyage from Murmansk to Bergen.

They also fail to explain why two German fishing fleets have been entirely deprived of 300,000 tons catch in the North Sea while British fish supplies are plentiful owing to the continued operating of the North Sea fishing fleet.

The net gain last month of 65,000 tons of shipping and 1,000,000 tons of goods (mentioned by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons) is clear evidence of the failure of the U-boat campaign.

BRITISH STRANGLEHOLD

Secret anxiety about the British control of essential war supplies is constantly shown by German broadcast items designed to prove that the control is defective.

But evidence of the British stranglehold is shown by statements admitting a shortage of iron and the import of soya beans by the long and costly Siberian route and even by parcel post. — Reuter.

TRANSFER OF TANKERS

New York, To-day.
The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey have transferred six of their tankers to the Panama flag.

Nine more tankers are to be similarly transferred.

Approval of the transfers had been granted by the Maritime Commission before the Neutrality Bill was passed. — Reuter.

BETWEEN 40 AND 50 SHIPS AUTHORISED

Washington, To-day.
The United States Maritime Commission announces that between 40 and 50 American ships have been authorised to transfer to foreign registry. — Reuter.

AMBASSADOR IN HONG KONG

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, arrived from Chungking by air last night and is now staying at the Government House. He will proceed to Shanghai shortly.

PROPERTY LOSSES BY ROBBERY

Less than a quarter of the total amount of property stolen during 1938 was recovered according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Police for the year 1938.

The total amount of property stolen was \$543,545, of which \$119,400 was recovered.

M. COSME ON WAY SOUTH

Shanghai, To-day.
M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, left yesterday for Hong Kong. He is on his way to Chungking. — Our Own Correspondent.

News Snack Bar

A.T.S. ARE ONE UP ON BOY FRIENDS IN KHAKI

IF YOU SEE a smart girl in the uniform of a "private" in the Auxiliary Territorial Service pass a full-blown general of the Regular Army without saluting him, don't think she's due for a "ticking off," writes a London newspaper.

Girls have the laugh on their boy friends in khaki. A regulation says they are not required to salute Regular or Territorial inspecting officers in uniform or officers of the unit to which their A.T.S. company is attached.

THE CADS

Philadelphia broadcast an interview in Berlin with Captain Karl Schultzer, whose U-boat sank the Royal Sceptre.

In shocked tones Captain Schultzer said he was sorry to say that some of his comrades in U-boats had been attacked by armed British merchantmen.

REGISTER FINDS FORGOTTEN MEN

Nobody is being missed by the National Register.

Those forgotten men and women who try to sleep on the Embankment seats found the police particularly attentive last night.

Instead of the usual formula—"Wake up, there! You can't sleep on that seat!"—the down-and-outs found themselves shepherded to a room where they were registered.

Among the forgotten men are some who once possessed extreme ability.

"I know a schoolmaster, a doctor, two architects and a man who once owned a prosperous hotel," a welfare worker told the press last night. "They will all put themselves down on the form as labourers."

Angry Crowd

Fires Club

Incensed at what they claim to be anti-British leanings of some members of a club run by the National Unemployed Workers' Movement, a large crowd of men—including soldiers—attacked the headquarters in Maryport, Cumberland, during the black-out.

A bottle of paraffin was set alight and thrown at a shuttered lower window. While police were beating out the flares, two men with a battering ram led an attack on the main window.

Two police officers—Inspector Harrison and Sergeant Hully—attempted to protect the club against the crowd.

As it was seen that the crowd was intent on wrecking the club and threatening one of the officials, every policeman in Maryport was summoned.

For an hour and a half they fought back the crowd until they were able to put a cordon round the premises. No arrests were made.

British censorship is adversely commented on in America. Complaint is made that while numerous pictures of Hitler and German troops are available there are practically none of British and French activity.

The Hungarian Premier emphasises Hungary's neutrality. There are indications however that this neutrality depends on Italian neutrality.

Such salutes are "a courtesy" it is stated.

They only need salute their own officers when in uniform.

Another concession has been granted women in khaki. In case of urgent private affairs, such as the return of a husband on leave or as a casualty, they may be granted leave.

Thus with a little human touch from the Army chiefs serving couples will not be entirely separated by war.

HOW THEY COMPARE

Ranks of the A.T.S. are not known by the same titles as the Army's but here is how they compare:—

An A.T.S. chief controller is equivalent to a major-general in the Army, while a senior controller ranks as a brigadier. Their badges are to be announced later.

The rank badge of a controller, who is similar to a colonel, is a laurel wreath and one star, while a chief commandant (lieutenant-colonel) is a laurel wreath and one star. The senior commandant (major) wears a laurel wreath.

For a company commander, who is equivalent to a captain, the rank badge is three stars. Junior commanders, similar to lieutenants, have two stars, while a company assistant (second lieutenant) wears one star.

The senior leader, equivalent to warrant officer II, carries a laurel wreath on both forearms, while a section leader, similar to a sergeant, has three chevrons. A sub-leader (corporal) has two chevrons.

Volunteers in the A. T. S. are similar to privates in the Army.

All ranks of the A.T.S. will observe the customs of the service in respect of the association of officers, N.C.O.s and other ranks; and the use of officers' messes, sergeants' messes or institutes by the A.T.S. may be permitted by the courtesy of the Commanding Officer of the unit concerned.

Gossip Will Help To Win The War

The latest weapon for winning the war on the women's home front is—gossip.

Faced with the difficulty of women evacuees finding time hanging too heavily on their hands, "gossip clubs" are being formed in many of the villages which have now become their new homes.

"You don't know just what a good gossip will do to a woman," a billeting official in the north-east told the press.

Those women who stay at home on Tyneside are to get the same sort of tonic to brighten up their lonely days. Many of these industrial wives, now their families have been evacuated, are alone in their homes from morning until late at night.

The northern area of the Y.W.C.A. has decided to extend its married women's "cheer up" clubs.

Nine new such clubs have been formed on Tyneside—three in Newcastle—and the programmes include something of interest for every woman from newlywed to grandma.

All Swiss adults between the ages of 18 and 65 are enrolled for compulsory defence work.



Pictures taken at a famous Army School of Artillery in Britain, showing some of the Army's latest and heaviest guns in action. A gunner is catching the ramrod thrown to him for use on the gun after firing. (Copyright Fox. By Air Mail).

MOSLEY PLEA: M.P.'S QUERY

"All activities which might be prejudicial to the defence of the realm or the successful prosecution of the war are closely watched with a view to appropriate action where the facts warrant it."

The Attorney-General (Sir Donald Somervell) stated this in a written answer to a question Brigadier-General E. L. Spears (Con., Carlisle) had addressed to the Home Secretary about a pamphlet entitled "Mosley's Message."

The pamphlet, he said, was being distributed by the British Union of Fascists and stated that the Union would do all in its power to awaken the people to demand peace.

He asked whether the Minister would consult the Director of Public Prosecutions as to the advisability of taking legal action against the authors and distributors.

The Attorney-General said it would be contrary to the public interest for him to state what action it was proposed to take with regard to any particular document.

Undersea Attacks Terrify U-Boat Men

British depth charges are terrifying the crews of U-boats.

From the German station at Zeesien a sailor told last night what it was like to be in a hunted submarine. They were, he said, being chased by British destroyers.

"Orders came to dive, and down we went. All around us we heard the explosions of depth charges.

"So forceful were they that the glass in our gauges and on our watches burst. The electric fuses were burned out. The question was in everyone's mind—are we hit?"

"We dived deeper. They passed, we restarted our engines and made for home at full speed."

The friends of the German people's front in London, claiming to speak on behalf of the democrats within Germany, have pledged to do all they can to overthrow "Nazi war-incendiaries."

An Italian Legion under Colonel Garibaldi, and American Legion under Colonel Sweeney and a Czech Legion under the existing Czech Legation, have volunteered for service in France.

The new anti-profiteering regulations in Australia provide for substantial terms of imprisonment in addition to heavy fines.

Lone Husbands' Club

A "companionship club" for men whose wives and families have been evacuated is being formed by the Rev. H. G. Lawson, minister of the Gillingham (Kent) Congregational Church.

Mr. Lawson is concerned about the men who, after working all day, return home to an empty house, and he has decided to open his young people's hall to them on three nights a week for games, refreshment and general companionship.

Women will also be welcome to the club.

U.S. Beauty Bill Is £50,000,000

It's an awful job keeping beautiful, expensive too—it cost American women fifty million pounds last year.

That's the calculation of the National Cosmeticians Association, but of course it doesn't include the time and energy.

This is how the money was divided up, in million pounds:—

For hair waves 28 (18 for permanents, 10 for marcelles); haircuts 6; facials 5; hair tinting, dyeing, 3; manicures 3; cosmetic 3½; scalp treatment 1; shampoos half million.

Of course, it took thirty-nine million women to spend all this, so that it cost under 26s. a head—and well worth it.

U.S. Offer To British Children

Hundreds of poor children in Britain's danger zones may soon be invited to U.S.A. as guests of wealthy Americans—including millionaires—until the end of the war, with expenses paid.

Dr. James Rowland Angell, president of the English Speaking Union of the United States, dropped the first hint of the plan in New York.

He said he was seeking permission from the United States Government. Several wealthy New York members of the English Speaking Union and others have already offered to receive British children into their homes to escape the air-raid dangers.

One millionaire is said to have offered to take twenty slum children.

The children will have the run of magnificent town houses and vast country estates.

Czechs in Britain and France are flocking to join the National Legions being formed in both countries for service against the Nazis.

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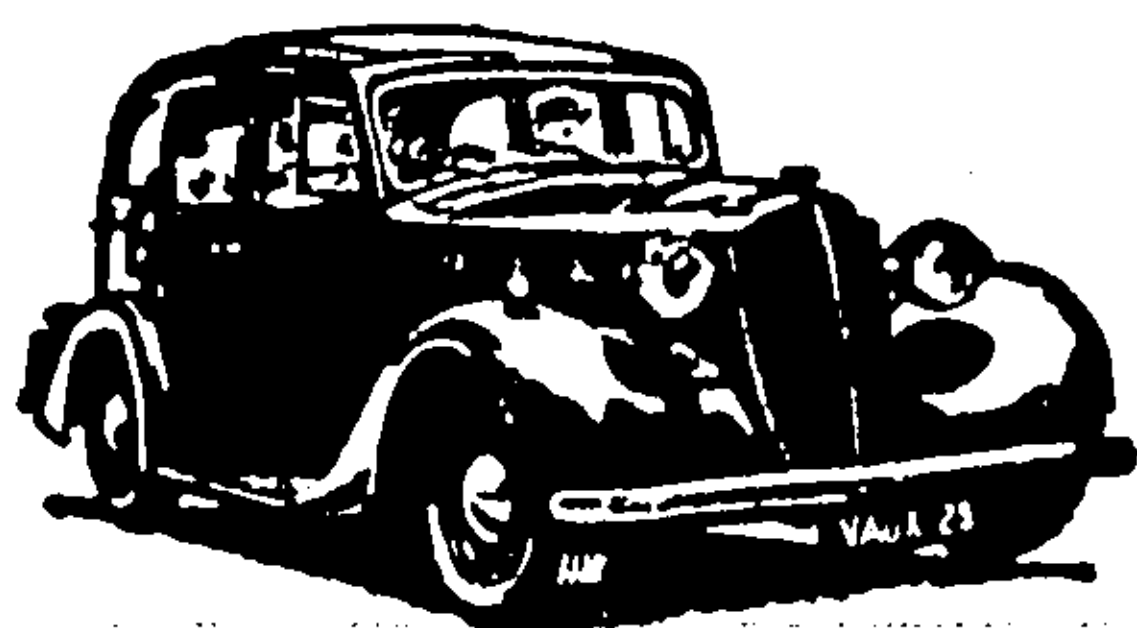
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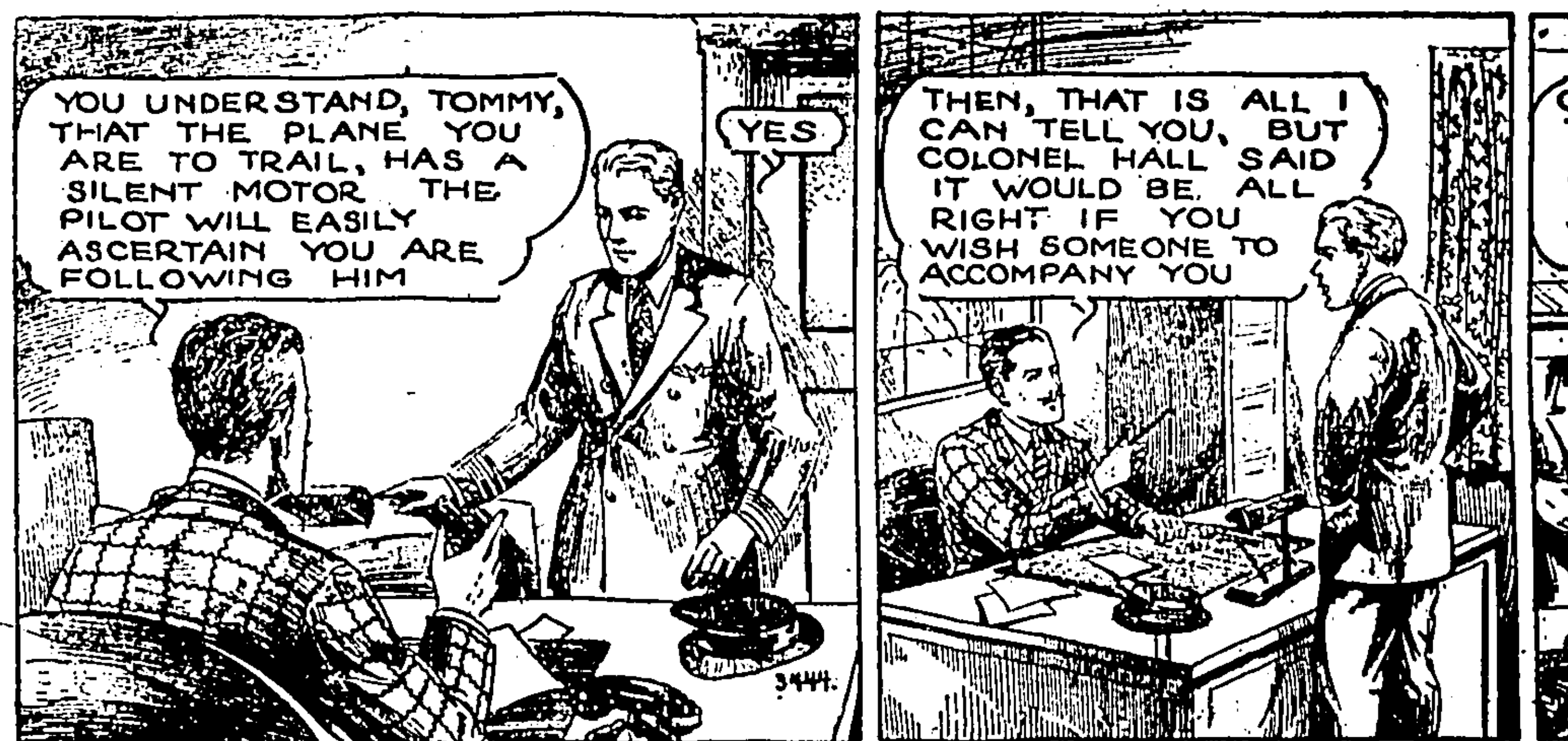
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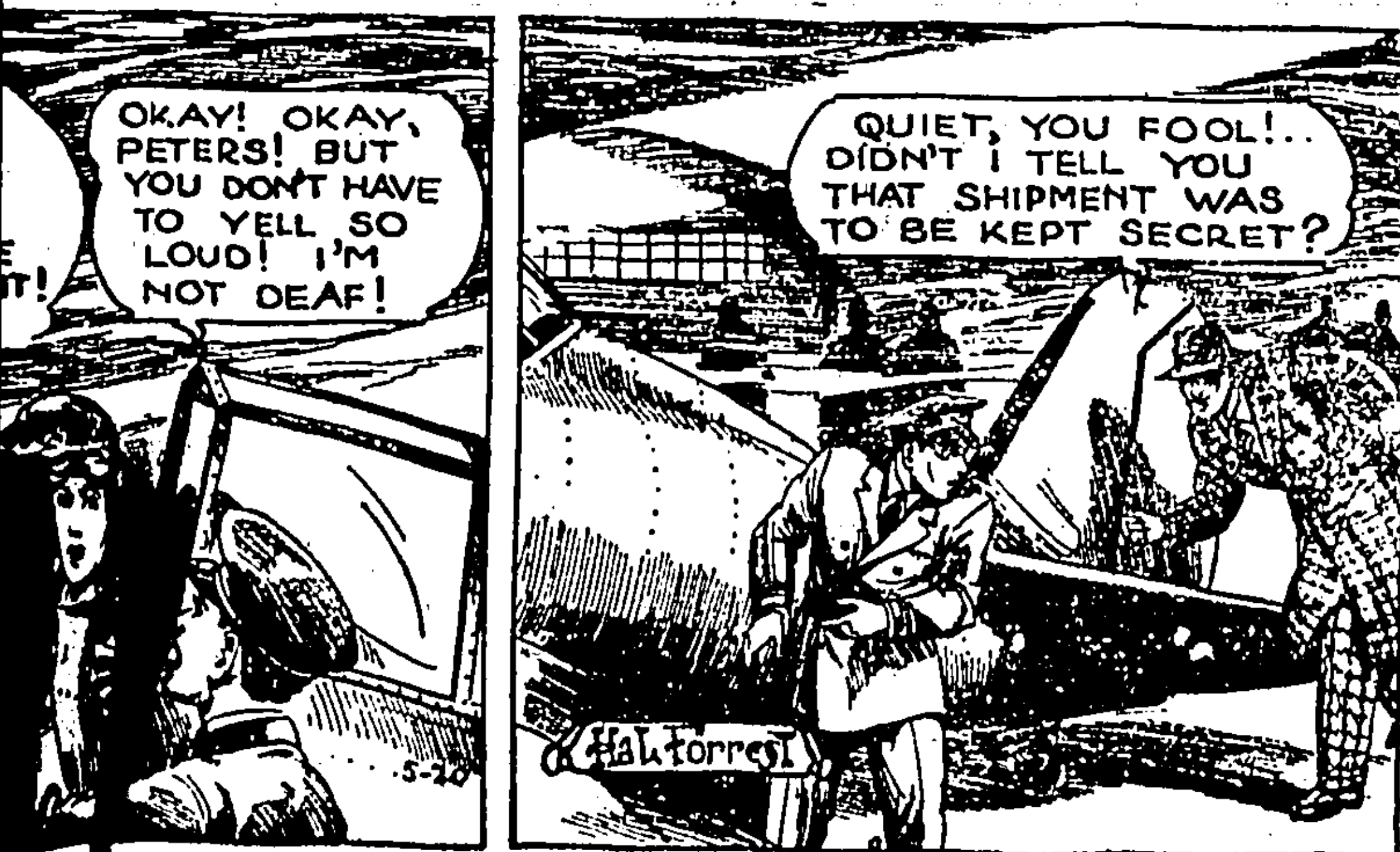
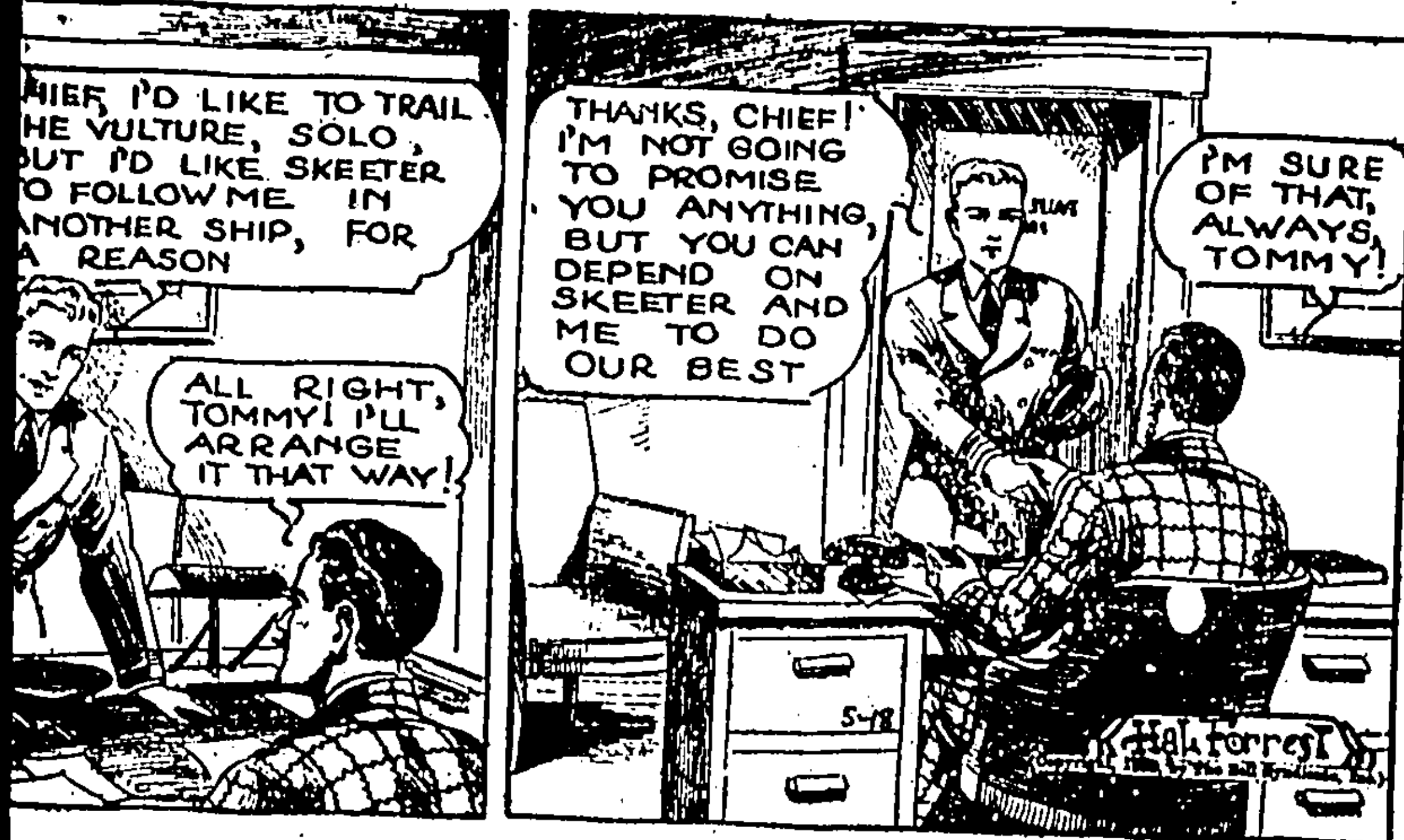
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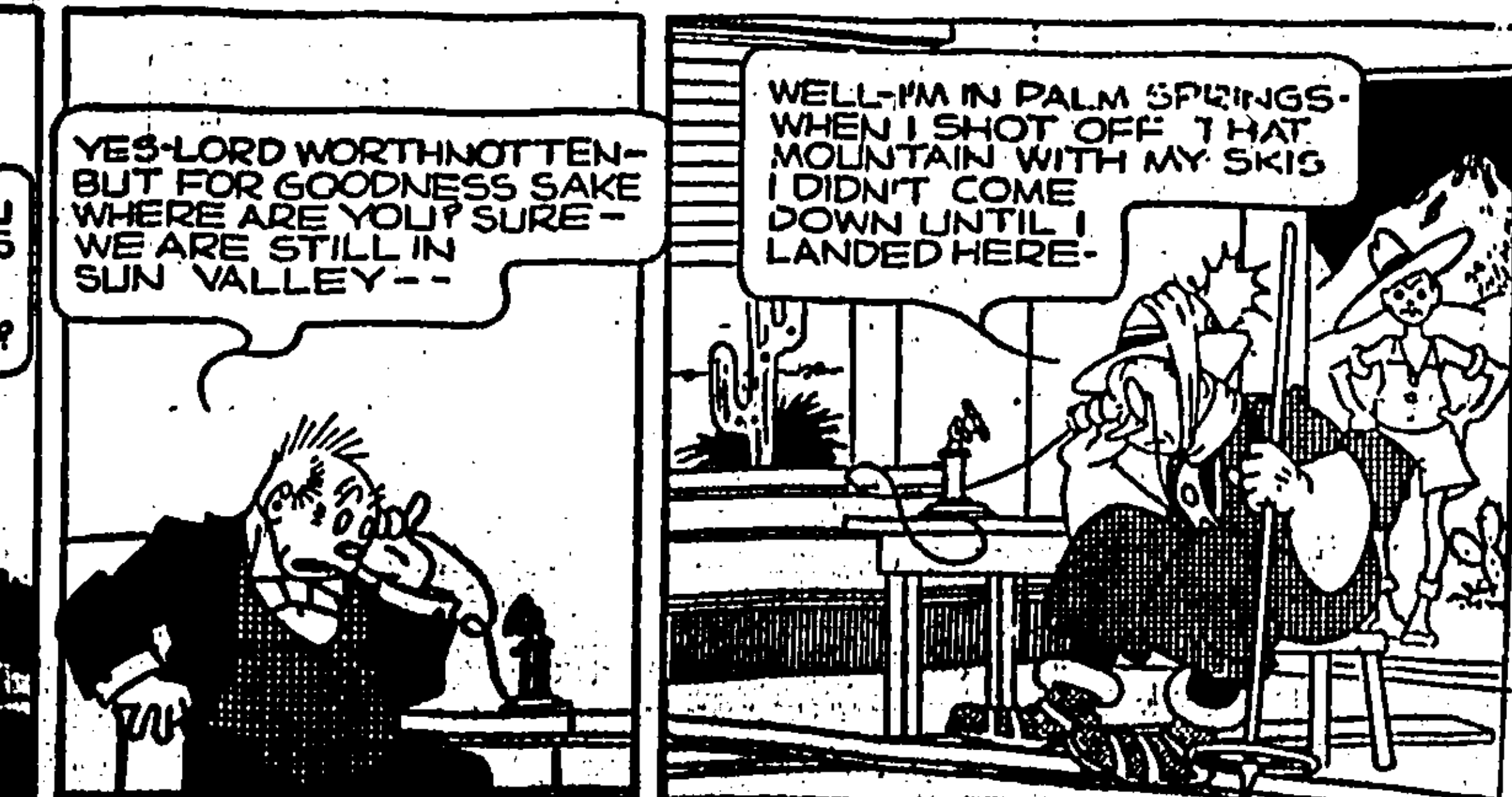
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THE IMPOSSIBLE PERSON

MRS. Smart, wife of the governor-general of the British colony of Eutopia, was not a bad-looking woman but she was also the quintessence of snobbishness and, by force of a strong character, dominated not only Government House but also most of the British members of the community.

There was one striking exception, however, who did not bow to her will: in fact, he avoided her as much as possible, and this was the Impossible Person, as she termed him.

He had only recently landed in the colony, where he had taken over the editorship of the only daily paper during the absence of the editor and proprietor on a long furlough in Europe.

To make matters worse, Mrs. Smart, having denounced him to her friends as a person of no social importance, suddenly discovered that he was extremely 'well connected,' as the expression goes. Then of course, she declared he was declassé, because he frequented the French and Italian quarters of the capital of Eutopia. He even hob-nobbed with Arabs and 'lesser breeds without the law.'

Mrs. Smart so disliked this editor person that she actually tried to have him sent home as an undesirable, but here her husband put his foot down and told her not to be absurd, and Mrs. Smart retired to her bedroom to sulk for the rest of the day. It was not often that the governor refused to do what she told him to do, but she knew that when he made up his mind it was no use trying to make him change his decision.

Then, like a bolt from the blue, came the news that another Impossible Person had suddenly decided to rise against British rule. This creature was a desert Arab known as

was exceedingly probable. Mr. Smart told him not to be a fool and cautioned him about spreading false rumours.

That afternoon, there came the news that a platoon of our infantry, which were stationed in a post at one of the principal oases in order to keep a check on caravans that passed that way, had been cut to pieces by Faqir's Arabs. This was confirmed by the fact of a ghastly present sent to the governor in a wooden box. It was the head of the unfortunate subaltern who had been in command of the post. And then the editor was missing. He had left the paper in charge of a Scottish sub-editor and had simply disappeared.

Three or four days later, a very black little nigger boy brought a scrap of dirty paper to Government House. It was a note to the governor from James Beattie—the editor—and warned him that Faqir Ali was attacking in force the next night. "Of all the impertinence . . ." said Mrs. Smart. The governor was none too easy in his own mind and directed that the recently arrived aeroplanes should be sent out scouting at once, and that strange tribesmen who entered the town should be searched for weapons by the civil police, mainly Sikhs.

Meanwhile, James Beattie, Major Royal Engineers, D.S.O., and several other decorations, was camping out in the desert with a black tribesman who spoke surprisingly good English. The major was dressed in the costume of an Arab travelling merchant, and from time to time he changed his talk from English to the local brand of Arabic which he spoke with fluency, a fluency that would have surprised the governor of Eutopia. "Hamid, you black scoundrel, I think we had better go and see the hermit."

his hunkers with his eyes closed, then he retired to the interior of his cave.

It was not long after that he reappeared, decked out in most gorgeous apparel. Trotting towards him was a black tribesman on a beautiful white Bishareen camel.

"Major Beattie, summon your man. We will go and see Faqir Ali," said the old Arab, and Beattie bowed.

The black camel driver was left at the cave while Beattie, Hamid and the hermit rode south-east to get to Faqir's main encampment as soon as possible.

They rode all through the fierce heat of the African morning sun until a distant scout saw them and waved his rifle over his head.

"We will ride slowly now," said the hermit. "It will be safer." It was two hours later that the three men rode into Faqir's harka. The Arabs evidently knew the hermit, for they all made obeisance to him.

"I wish to see Faqir Ali," he said in a surprisingly powerful voice for a man so old and apparently so fragile. A gigantic negro in purple uniform bowed and salaamed and rode before the little party to a large tent above which was raised the green banner of the Prophet.

A powerful voice was heard, raised in no sweet temper and the giant negro turned grey: "It is the leader himself," he gasped out and his eyes rolled in mortal terror.

"Lead on and be not afraid," said the hermit, gently.

Outside the tent, the three men dismounted. Black slaves came forward to tether their camels. Armed guards were waved aside by the giant negro.

A fat individual, obviously a eunuch, decked out in black and gold, emerged from the tent, and the hermit said in pure Arabic: "Tell your Master, Faqir Ali, that the Prince of Kordofan wishes to have conversation with him."

The eunuch's eyes expanded with astonishment, then he salaamed and retired inside the tent, to issue forth once more and bid the party enter, which he did in the most florid and Oriental manner possible, invoking the name of Allah the All-merciful and the All-compassionate and that of Mahomet his Prophet in every other breath.

The three visitors walked into the large tent where Faqir Ali was waiting for them, seated on a pile of cushions.

He was a rough-looking character with a strong face and very keen eyes. "A good type," thought Beattie, who knew his Africa far better than anybody in Patris imagined.

Faqir rose to his feet directly he saw the hermit. He salaamed and the hermit motioned to him to be seated again.

"My son, you are to go on a pilgrimage in order to atone for your sins," he almost chanted.

"But your Highness!"

"I do not use that title any longer. I am a hermit, a recluse; but you are a strong man and you have sinned through pride. You have killed where no killing was necessary, and if you do not do as I tell you, you will be killed in your turn."

"I see with your Highness a Fer-inghee and a slave. Bid them wait outside, my lord, and I will listen to your wisdom," said Faqir, and Beattie and Hamid slipped outside in deference to a gesture from the hermit.

They squatted down and smoked in silence, no man molesting them. Night was falling fast, the quick blueish-black desert night, when the hermit emerged from the tent. He spoke in English to Beattie:

"I take it that your people will not try to punish Faqir if he goes away now."

"I have no authority to promise anything nowadays, but I am pretty certain that if he disbands his army, no punitive measures will be taken."

"That is good enough, coming from you, Faqir!"

The rebel chief strode out of his tent, a fine-looking ruffian now that he was not slouching among cushions.

"Order up your best camels, my son, and we will ride," said the hermit.

In a few minutes, two magnificent racing camels were driven up to the tent, escorted by a bodyguard of some twenty warriors with the ancient helmets of the Saracen warriors. They were also mounted on valuable Bishareens.

Four or five chieftains pushed their way through the throng that had gradually assembled around the tent, then Faqir came out once more, raised his hand for silence and told them to disband. There were one or two murmurs of discontent, but so great was his dominance that the vast camp speedily demobilised. Tents were struck and parties of Arabs and tribesmen made off across the desert in various directions until only a few remained.

The hermit raised a friendly hand towards Beattie and rode off with Faqir and the escort.

"That hermit is a very great man," said Hamid in his precise English. "You are right, my lad," said Beattie, heaving a vast sigh of relief. He continued, "Do you know that Faqir had us in a cleft stick owing to that fool of a governor. If the Arabs had descended on Patris, they could have wiped us out. Ah, here is our old friend, Colonel Schellendorff. Well, freilich, we do meet in strange places, don't we?"

The tall soldierlike figure in faded olive-green uniform turned his sun-tanned face towards Beattie and Hamid.

He laughed loudly, "I might have known it would be you, Beattie! I thought you had retired from the service. You might have let me know you were out here. You have lost me a perfectly good job, but I shall get over it, I imagine."

The British officer laughed in his turn, "My dear Baron. You always do. I shall find you in China next month, or in Spain, or wheresoever there is trouble."

The German soldier of fortune smiled.

"We two old battle-hawks seem to spend the best part of our lives following each other about. I have something in my water-bottle. . . ."

"You priceless old villain," breathed Beattie.

It was nearly twenty-four hours later that Beattie, still in Arab dress, demanded an interview with the much-harrassed governor of Eutopia.

"I beg to report, your Excellency, that Faqir Ali has been persuaded to disband his army and has taken the nearest route to Mecca. The Prince of Kordofan, a very good friend of His Majesty's Government and Hamid Brown, one of our local Intelligence agents, were principally instrumental in bringing this about."

"But who the dickens are you?"

"Alistair Beattie, your Excellency, formerly a major in the Royal Engineers. I was chief of Intelligence in this region for several years and also

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Short Story

By Donald Campbell

Faqir Ali, and he did not like the British one little bit. He captured a couple of missionaries and crucified them and committed divers other naughtinesses, until the governor-general, who was a man of routine and no soldier, permitted the military to take a hand in the game. He was only a month or so too late.

Thousands of Arabs and negroid tribesmen had swarmed to the banner of Faqir. Cargoes of rifles, ammunition and machine guns were supplied to the rebel by the astute agents of a certain European Power who always liked to profit by our embarrassments. Somehow or the other, several scouting 'planes also found their way to Faqir's camp in the desert and several white soldiers of fortune joined his forces.

The total British garrison of Eutopia consisted of one battalion of white infantry and the usual details and a battery of volunteer artillery.

Listening to the commanding officer, the governor sent an S.O.S. for help, and a squadron of aeroplanes and a fast cruiser made a dash for Eutopia.

Even then, the governor had minimised the danger and was furious when he received cable from the Colonial Office which referred to a despatch from Patris—the capital of Eutopia—which had been published one of the leading national papers in England.

If the governor was furious, Mrs. Smart was even more so. She surmised—and correctly—that the editor fellow had sent this despatch to England.

When a delegation of shopkeepers and civilian residents of Patris waited on the governor with an offer to raise a corps of volunteer infantry, Mr. Smart dismissed them almost contemptuously, whereupon one middle-aged Italian who had been a soldier in his own country told the governor that he—the Italian—would load his rifle and defend his belongings with the aid of sundry other Italians, French and Greeks, if Faqir Ali descended on the town, which

The negro grinned, "Yes, Major, I think that is our best bet. We should be able to get to him without interference, as Faqir's men are so cocksure they are not even putting out patrols." Hamid woke up the resting camels, which grunted and hissed and swore in their own language. The two men mounted and rode off into the almost blue African night occasionally looking around them to see if any hostile patrols were in their vicinity.

Dawn was breaking when they reached the foothills, where, in a cave, dwelt the hermit, the holy man of the mountains as the Arabs called him.

Beattie dismounted and, telling Hamid to look after the camels, made his way to the place where he would find the hermit. That perfectly worthy old gentleman was evidently expecting him. He was a very ancient Arab of high degree and he spoke English perfectly, in fact with a drawl that would have irritated any of the Cockneys.

"My dear boy, I am so pleased to see you. May I ask if you have brought me any of that priceless tobacco of yours."

"I have, sir," said Beattie.

"That is extremely thoughtful of you. Now, is there anything I can do for you?"

"Quite a lot."

"Really, you sound worried."

"I am."

"Sit down and tell me all about it."

"I want you to stop Faqir."

"Yes, I am with you there. The man is a nuisance. I don't mind him wiping away a few missionaries. They are mostly a nuisance themselves, but when the maniac went and crucified them, that was really too much. Also, I have great friends at the mission of the White Fathers and I do not wish this animal—Faqir—is nothing more—to do them harm. Yes, I am with you. Let me think for a little while and then we will find a means of getting rid of Faqir Ali." For an hour or more the hermit sat back on



Sidelights On England In War-Time

We have all felt recently, I think, that we have not been told nearly enough about life at Home as it is being lived under war-time conditions. The Empire News Bulletins of the B.B.C. and the news agencies have given us the news, but that news has not conveyed to us the background of the war, the atmosphere

THE IMPOSSIBLE PERSON

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saw the topographical mission through its work. We had an idea that there might be trouble out here, and it was suggested to me that I should go and have a look-see."

"But why did you not introduce yourself properly at Government House?" "Well, to tell the truth, I'm a disreputable sort of cove. I hate ceremonies and dressing-up and that sort of thing. Besides, we have to work in secret you know."

"Humph, you sound like somebody from the American magazines." "Yes, a little dramatic and all that sort of thing, I grant you. But it could not be helped. By the way, you might ask me to have a drink."

The governor frowned, pushed a bell, and a negro footman came in with a salver on which stood a long glass half full of ice and the other half full of the national wine of Scotia.

The governor stammered, "Ho . . . Oh, I'm sorry, your Excellency," said the Impossible Person, grasping the glass, "Azrid, this 'boy of yours, used to be in my command and he knows my little ways. Here's how." Beattie gulped down the drink with evident satisfaction.

"Well, good-bye your Excellency. Will you be so kind as to convey my respects to her Excellency, your wife."

In the next Birthday honours, His Highness the Prince of Kordofan was granted a very nice decoration indeed.

Hamid Brown was made an O.B.E. and James Beattie received precisely nothing, much to his own amusement. He had plenty already, but the pet, spite of the Smarts amused him and certain colleagues of his.

Incidentally, Mr. Smart was informed by a gentle-voiced official of the Colonial Office that he—Mr. Smart—had served so long and so faithfully in tropical climates that His Majesty's Government deemed it high time he should take a rest, and so he, accompanied by Mrs. Smart, retired to Bath (or was it Cheltenham?) where they are to this day as far as I know.

WITTY Kitty



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says he's reached his goal he's been practicing football.

of Britain in war-time, the point of view of the man-in-the-street, the human and personal side of life as it is being experienced by our relatives and friends and countrymen at Home. This talk is an attempt to meet that need.

I hope that the title has not led you to expect an eye-witness account of Britain in war-time. That would hardly be possible at this stage, unless the person giving the talk had come out by air, but a batch of London newspapers arrived in Hong Kong by the last air mail, and those papers make intensely interesting reading to anyone in Hong Kong, inasmuch as they contain many items of news which we have not yet heard out here and throw many sidelights on life at Home. Accordingly I have been asked to give you some gleanings from those papers.

BLACKOUT TIME

The first thing that one notices is the reduced size of the papers. Here in Hong Kong we have become accustomed to smaller papers since the outbreak of war, but it is still strange to handle a fourteen-page Daily Telegraph and a 12-page Daily Mail. The next thing I noticed, on the front page of the Daily Telegraph, was that the familiar notice "Lighting-Up Time"—always looked for by cyclists and motorists at Home—has now been changed to "Black-out Time." Black-out Time in Britain on September 14, you may be interested to know, was 7.30 p.m.

One of the main impressions that I have received in looking through these papers is that most of us in Hong Kong have not fully realised what an enormous change has been made in the normal ways of life at Home by the black-out regulations, which are, of course, in force every night. These regulations have been slackened slightly in the last few days, but only slightly, and at the time when these newspapers were published—that is to say, ten or twelve days after the outbreak of war—they were still in force in their full rigour.

STRANGE ITEMS

As a result, one finds innumerable items in the London papers which read very strangely to anyone in Hong Kong. For example, here is a letter from a resident of Hendon which appeared in the Daily Telegraph on September 14th. It is headed "Pillar-box Collisions" and reads as follows:

"Our pillar-boxes are invisible in the darkness. The public would be grateful to the Post Office if white paint could be applied to some part of them so that they could be distinguished during the black-out."

And here is a curious news item: "Luminous button-holes are the latest novelty. Carnations, roses and camellias, specially treated to show up in the black-out, will be on sale to-day at several West End Stores."

Those who were at school at Home during the last War, and remember the interest aroused when the pillars in the cloisters suddenly blossomed out in a paint which was supposed to glow in the darkness and prevent you bumping against them, will be interested in an advertisement which caught my eye in this batch of papers. Here it is:

"Luminous paint. Glows at night. No restrictions. Apply it yourself to keyholes, door number, gate-post, car wings, gas-mask container. Practically permanent luminosity. 2/9 per pot."

MANY SUGGESTIONS

One finds in these London papers many suggestions as to how best to avoid bumping into other pedestrians when walking along the darkened streets. People are advised to carry a handkerchief or some other white object, and there is much discussion as to the best thing to do. For example, in a copy of the "Daily Mail" which I have been reading, there is a series of pictures. The first shows a man wearing a white tab in his hatband. Underneath is another picture showing the same man carelessly wearing his hat at such an angle that the warning tab is concealed by the brim.

The moral is that during black-outs you must not wear your hat tilted on the back of your head!

Farther down in this series of pictures one sees a man with a large white tab tastefully displayed in the middle of his tie, and another man with a white band around his cuff.

It is interesting to discover that conventions cannot be observed between strangers under black-out conditions. For example, here is a comment by a girl reporter on the "Daily Mail" who is also an Air Raid Warden. She writes: "Night after night I have to grab dark shapes seemingly intent on suicide as they step into the path of vehicles."

CHANGING FASHIONS

Black-out necessities are also changing women's fashions at Home. Here, for example, is an extract from the woman's column—no longer in these days a full women's page—of the "Daily Telegraph":

"Following the suggestion of a Birmingham City Coroner at an inquest on a black-out fatality that the wearing of white gloves would be a safety-first measure, white gloves are being featured by many shops. White walking-sticks and gas-mask cases, white handbags and even white umbrellas are being bought. Inexpensive handbags in white American cloth to match gas-mask cases are being bought."

At the time when these papers were published the rule against the use of electric torches in the streets had just been modified slightly and you may be interested to know just what you would have to do if you were trying to pick your way through a dark London street with a torch at the present time. In the first place you would have to paste two sheets of tissue paper over the bulb, and then you would have to be very careful to project the light downwards, and of course you would have to put out the torch immediately if you heard the air raid sirens. Alternatively, you might find yourself very curiously equipped with a torch gleaming in the middle of your chest; a special type of standardised torch has now been manufactured for black-outs. It is designed to fit on the chest and its light is so directed and screened that no direct illumination is visible more than three feet above the ground.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotment is coming back into its own. Many of us remember how in the last War every piece of waste land and unused field in and around cities at Home looked like one vast market-garden, with hundreds of individual allotment holders cultivating vegetables for their own tables, keeping poultry and so on. And a very valuable moment it was—from the viewpoint of national health as well as food. Well, the same thing is already happening again at Home. For example, in the "Daily Mail" is a news item pointing out that one of these allotments will keep a man, his wife and three children in potatoes and vegetables for two hundred and twelve days in the year, and in many cities vegetable plots are already being laid out in the public parks, so that people can go and see how it is done.

While on the subject of food, another item in these papers which will interest you is that one and a half million acres of new land are to be put under the plough in the United Kingdom within the next year, and sixty thousand tractors are ready to help the farmers to do it. In other words, British farmers are to be asked to do in one year in this war what they did in four years in the last War.

GREAT CHANGE

One great change in family life at Home which perhaps we have not thought enough about is vividly reflected in these newspapers. In thousands of working-class homes in London and certain other cities, the children are absent. They are elsewhere—in safe areas, frequently living apart from their parents. This has led to many strange situations.

These London working-class chil-

dren know nothing about the countryside, and therefore the B.B.C. has found it necessary to broadcast a warning not to allow the evacuated children to eat wild berries. Unfortunately these city children do not know the difference between a blackberry and the berries of the deadly nightshade and various other poisonous berries on the hedges and fields.

BULL LOOSE

One young scamp from London gained notoriety while living on a farm in Somerset by opening the gate of a pen and letting the bull loose. This caused such excitement and gave him so much pleasure that he repeated this performance three times and became known as "the boy who let the bull loose." In the interest of his own safety and that of the villagers he was transferred to a district where bulls were not to be found.

These newspapers also remind one that many middle-class children, as well as working-class children, are now in unfamiliar surroundings. One notices many references in these papers to boarding-schools which have moved into new premises in safe areas in the western parts of England and Scotland. Here is an announcement by a London school which is typical of many:

"Highgate School has been evacuated to North Devon, the senior school being at Westward Ho and the junior school at Hartland Abbey."

And now let us turn to the "Houses for Sale" advertisements in the London newspapers. The first thing one notices is that they are classified under unfamiliar headings, such as: "Safety Zone," "Reception Area"—by which is meant an area safe enough for evacuated children— and "Neutral Zone. Here is an advertisement of a house not in a Safety Zone: "Most Comfortable little Kensington house. Suit officer and wife. Garden. Gas-proof room."

FATAL ACCIDENT

Admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with injuries to his head, Tang Po-chi, 61, of 318, Des Voeux Road Central, died early this morning. It is believed that Tang was knocked down by a vehicle in Des Voeux Road yesterday.



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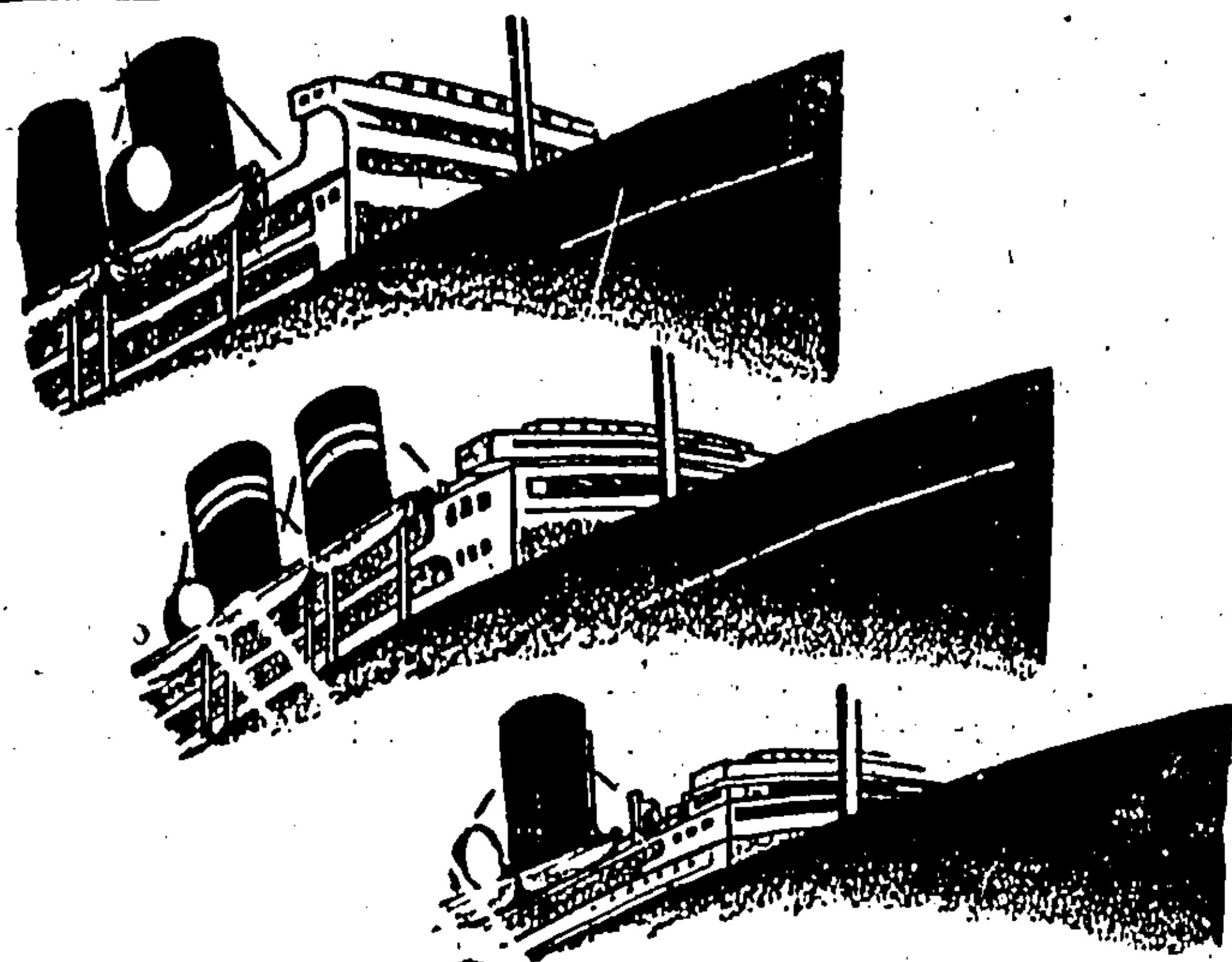
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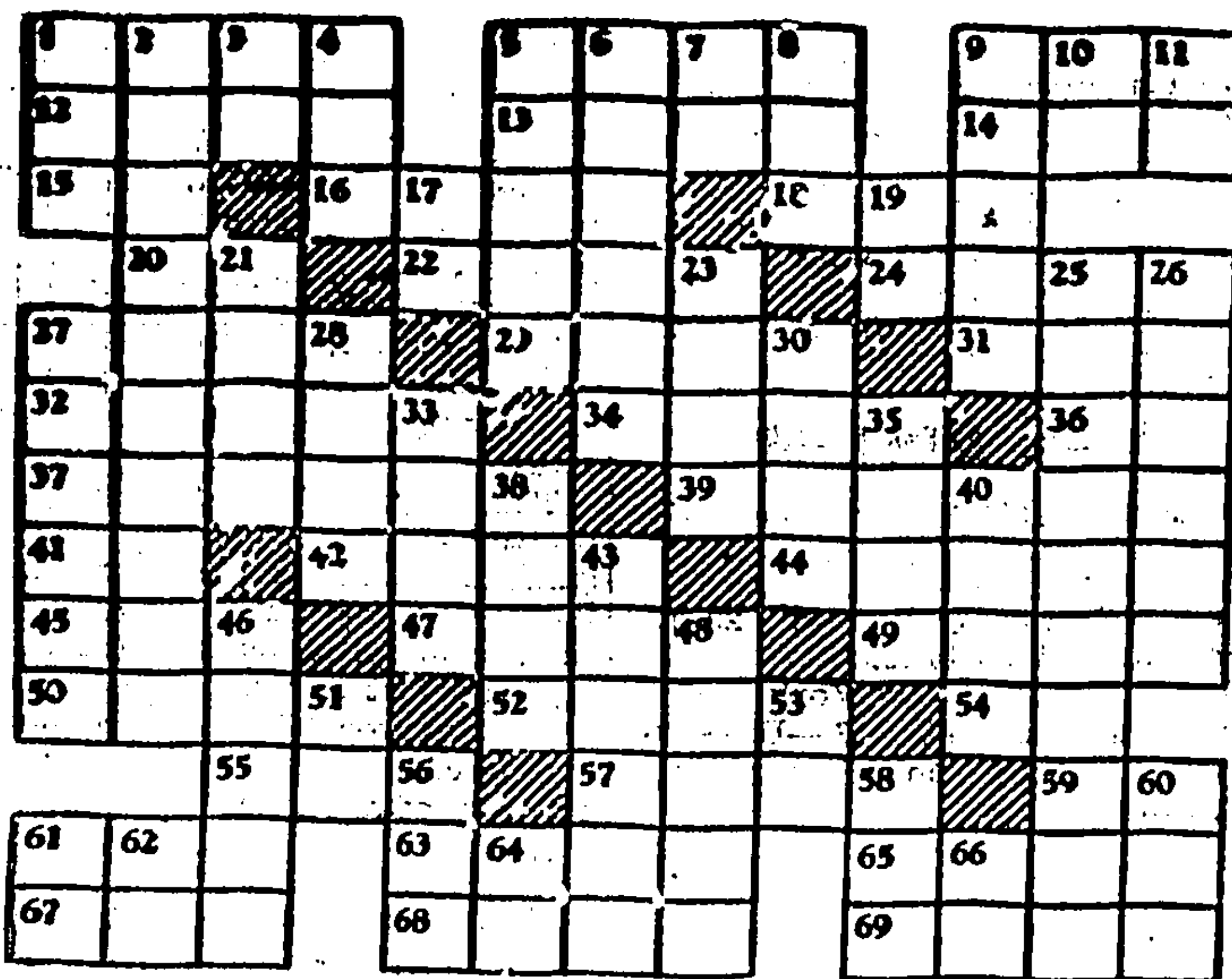
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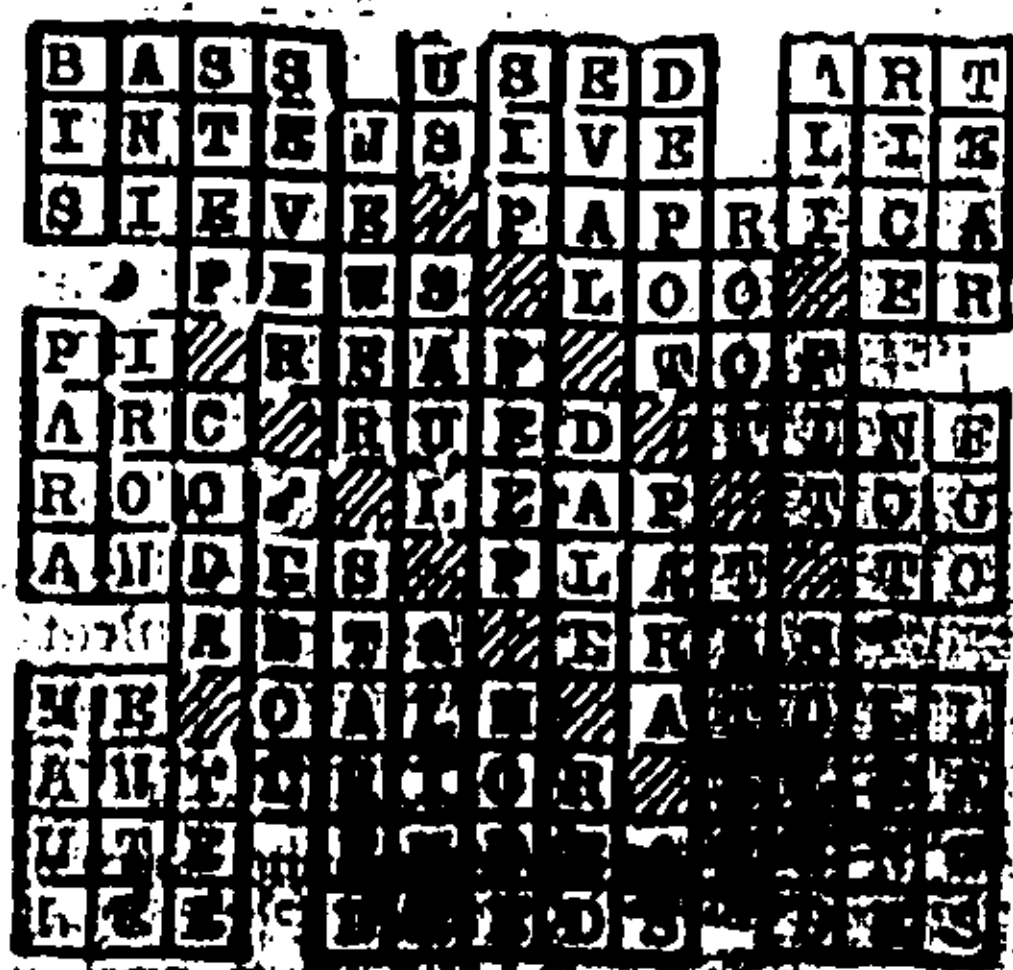
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- 61 Atmosphere
- 63 Atop
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- 67 Plaything
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- 69 Protuberance

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- 1 Finnish city
- 2 Perform
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 Weaken
- 5 Lance
- 6 Injured
- 7 Preposition
- 8 Favourite
- 9 Mantles
- 10 Article
- 11 Japanese drama
- 17 Prefix: not
- 19 Jewish month
- 21 Preposition
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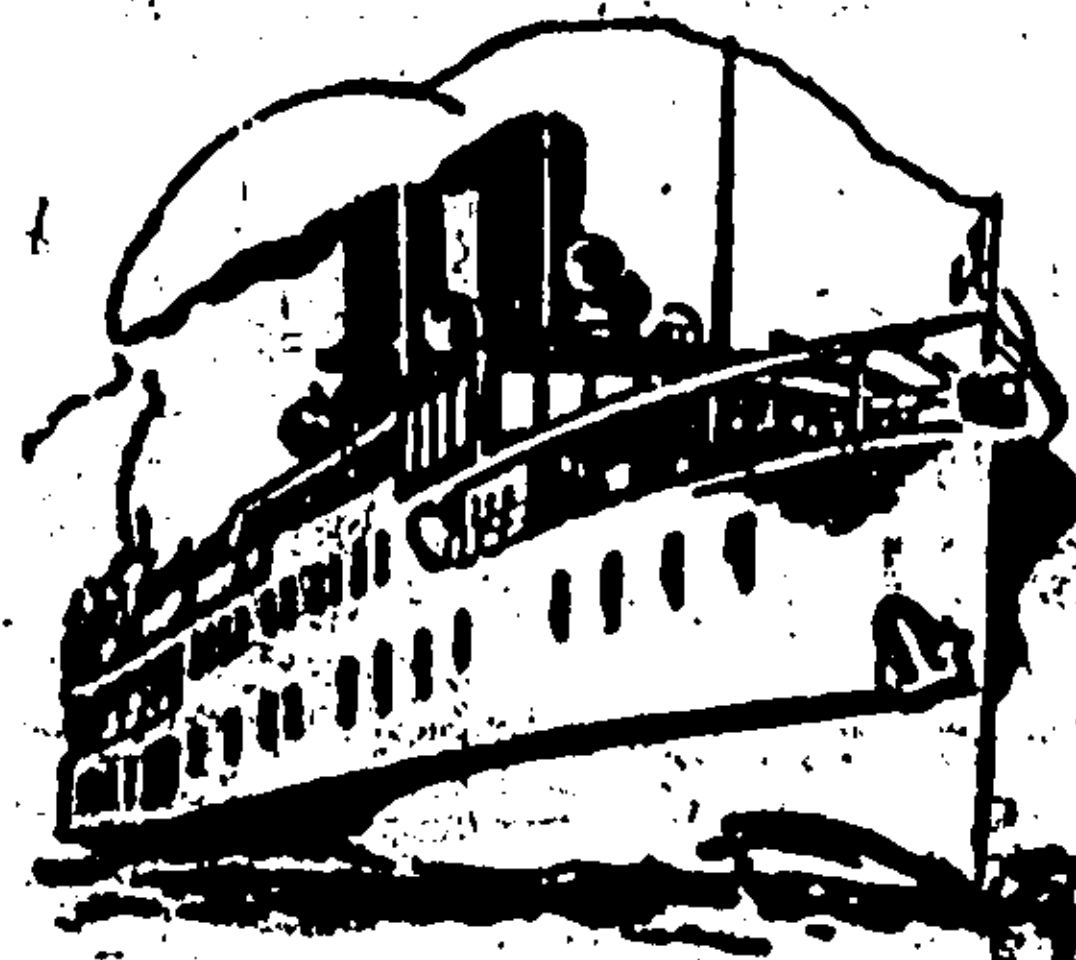
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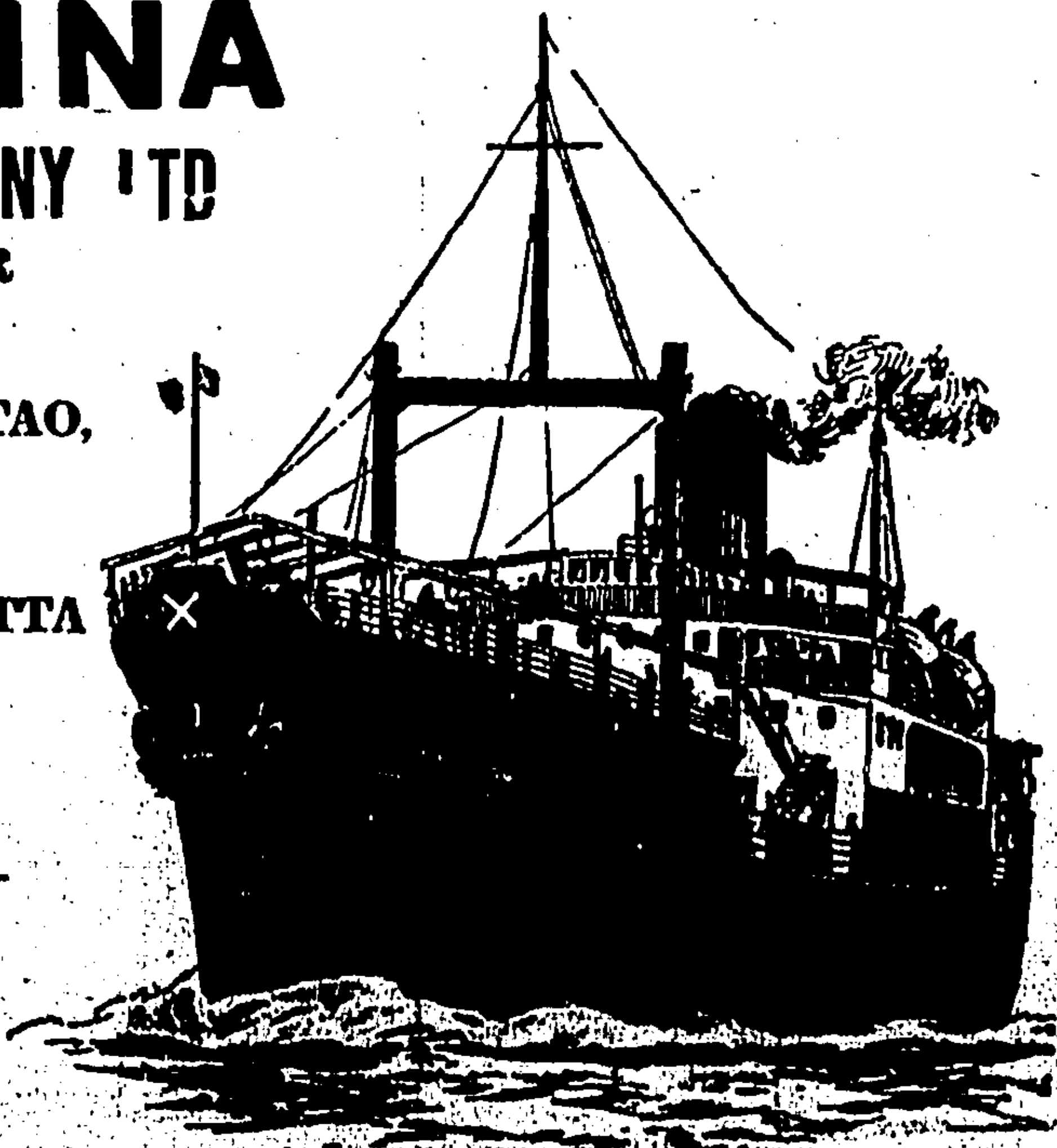
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The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Spot silver was quoted at 23-1/2 and forward at 23-5/16.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$391.

B.B.C'S WARTIME QUARTERS

London, Oct. 12.

In its wartime quarters, far away from London, the B.B.C. is gradually settling down to normal routine. Programmes may be expected to improve correspondingly.

The 75 members of the symphony orchestra rehearse and broadcast daily in a room over a local store. On the roof, soldiers have established a machine-gun post.

Sir Adrian Boult, music director of the B.B.C., told me to-day that more soloists, and the first wartime guest conductors, will be taking part in B.B.C. concerts from this week onwards. Sir Henry Wood, Sir Hamilton Harty, Mr. Warwick Braithwaite and Mr. Julian Clifford have been invited to conduct.

The players in the B.B.C. orchestra are billeted on local householders and seem to have caused a great revival of amateur musicianship. In certain streets at night the sound of every kind of known instrument may be heard coming from various houses.

NO GERMAN MUSIC BAN

Sir Adrian said that there would be no ban on German music except in so far as it would be necessary to restrict payment of copyright fees to living German composers.

The B.B.C. has taken over six private houses to provide office accommodation for the evacuated staff. Three hundred office workers and artists were transported to this centre and are living here for the duration of the war.

In one of the strangest studios the B.B.C. has ever had, I watched Miss Gracie Fields broadcast last night. Microphones were slung overhead on festoons of wire and the stained-glass windows, frame in Gothic arches, were blacked out with cardboard.

VANISHING ACT BY R.A.F.

At nine a.m. an R.A.F. squadron arrives "somewhere in France." At five p.m., it has disappeared behind camouflage.

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The French have been greatly impressed by the wonderful ground organisation and the really uncanny methods of camouflage capable of deceiving an observer not more than a hundred feet away.

An observer being shown the effects of this camouflage was taken to a vast expanse of ploughed land.

Nowhere in sight was a runway or a road and yet planes suddenly appeared from nowhere and petrol lorries loomed up in the distance, running smoothly over invisible roads.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

NO. 81—THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

BY JOEL C. MATHEWS

The wealth of fact given to the world by Christopher Columbus is exceeded only by the plethora of doubt which he left to posterity.

We can view him only through a thick fog of mystery. Historians cannot agree as to when he was born, just when he died or where rest his bones—whether he was hero or impostor, genius or lunatic.

Some say his father was an honest, industrious sheepcrafter, others that this paternal parent was an itinerant peddler, a vagrant, a cheat and juggler. We were taught in school that Christopher was a genius far ahead of his time, whose superhuman perspicuity penetrated the secrets of physics and geography. But his fellow-Italian, Cesare Lombroso, the famous anthropologist, branded him as a lunatic, who suffered from congenital paranoia, fixed ideas and religious illusions, who showed pronounced stigmata of degeneration; a "liar" and boaster, who was "given to cruelty," a "profound ignoramus," whose "overwhelming conceit" caused him "to draw comparisons between himself and the Saviour," to announce himself as the Lord's representative under divine commission to discover David's treasure and with those sinews of war recover the Holy Sepulchre, then rebuild the Temple at Jerusalem.

We used to learn that Columbus, in his wisdom, knew the earth to be a sphere, but savants who have carefully studied him now say that he believed our old spinning top to be pear-shaped (as good spinning tops should be), the stem or apex pointing toward heaven.

Over and over again we have pitied him in his martyrdom, endured only by virtue of his consciousness of having rendered the world a great service. But authorities who have scrutinized him profoundly now hold that he never enjoyed even the knowledge that he had discovered America, and that his madness was so far advanced that he believed his prison to be a great palace.

The deepest of the many mysteries that veil this remarkable man relate to the final resting place of his bones. Once when their profanation was threatened, they were hidden away so very carefully that no one has since been able to locate them exactly. It was all on account of that bold rover of the seas, Sir Francis Drake, that they got mislaid. When he came sweeping down upon Santo Domingo, in whose cathedral they lay, the archbishop ordered all of the tombs be covered with earth. Those were days of ease and indolence and no one troubled himself about uncovering Columbus tombs until after the last one who knew the secret of its location had sought his own final resting place.

So the remains of the discoverer remained forgotten until Spain ceded Santo Domingo to France. Then the Duke of Veragua, a descendant of Columbus, sent to the cathedral for his illustrious ancestor's ashes. After considerable searching about among musty tombs a small vault was opened and some pieces of bone and dust found inside were placed in a case of gold and lead. A high Mass was said over them and they were transferred to the Cathedral of Havana that they might still repose on Spanish soil. No one doubted that these transplanted remains were those of Columbus until 1877, when, in the course of repairs back at their former resting place, the old Santo Domingo Cathedral, a vault was opened in the space adjoining that from which they had been taken by the Spaniards, 81

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years before.

The new archbishop, poking his arm into the dark, moldy hole and finding there a well-preserved leaden case, summoned the President and Cabinet of Santo Domingo, as well as all of the other local dignitaries and foreign consuls. In their presence he had the leaden casket removed and inside were discovered dust,

human bones and a bullet of lead, while upon the casket were found certain letters, interpreted as abbreviations arranged to denote that Christopher Columbus and no other lay within. So, it was immediately announced that the remains taken to Havana in 1795 had not been those of Christopher, but of Diego Columbus, and that the great admiral's

bones had, after all, remained in Santo Domingo, in conformity with his deathbed request.

There immediately arose an international hubbub, the Spaniards accusing the archbishop and other dignitaries of the Santo Domingo Cathedral of being the "authors and accomplices of a pious fraud," and the archbishop replying with great heat he could prove his claims.

Tourists through the West Indies saw two separate tombs of Columbus, one in Havana and one in Santo Domingo, until the evacuation of Havana, in 1898, when our authorities allowed the Spaniards to take their alleged bones of the discoverer to Seville. So pilgrims must now go to both Seville and Santo Domingo before being sure that they have visited the hallowed spot where lies buried the discoverer of America.

After religious ceremonies held at the Cathedral of Santo Domingo on March 19, 1939, and attended by the Santo Dominican President and a delegation from the Congress of the United States, the bones which the New World now accepts as those of Columbus were taken out of the Cathedral crypt and photographed under airtight glass, preparatory to being entombed in the Columbus Memorial Lighthouse on the harbour of the Dominican capital.



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Roll up, folks. A Boy Scout makes a good showman at the St. Vincent de Paul Fete.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanning for Saturday:

OLD COURSE	
9.16 a.m.	J. G. Campbell, A. H. McBride.
9.20 "	L. A. R. Duncan, J. B. Harrison.
9.24 "	E. P. Streatfield, G. Riddell Carro.
9.28 "	F. A. Redmond, I. H. Geare.
9.32 "	S. S. Church, L. R. Cremer.
9.36 "	J. Brownley, E. R. Cutting.
9.40 "	R. P. Morris, W. J. Richards.
9.44 "	W. N. A. Smalley, J. W. Mayhew.
9.48 "	W. A. C. Fulkshank, C. C. Willson.
9.52 "	R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.
10.04 "	J. B. Mackle, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
10.12 "	E. G. Price, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.16 "	A. M. Mack, M. G. Carruthers.
10.20 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
NEW COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	L. M. S. Lloyd, H. F. Phillips.
9.28 "	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
10.16 "	J. C. Brown, Mrs. Rowell.
10.20 "	L. and Mrs. Jackson.
10.33 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

Following are Starting Times for Sunday:

SUNDAY OLD COURSE	
9.16 a.m.	I. P. Tamworth, L. R. Andrews.
9.20 "	W. W. C. Shewan, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.24 "	A. Sommerfelt, P. S. Cassidy.
9.28 "	T. E. Pearce, A. Morse.
9.32 "	P. S. Delany, I. H. Geare.
9.36 "	G. W. Sewell, Comdr. Hole.
9.40 "	J. M. Pearson, G. M. Park.
9.44 "	C. D. N. Walker, M. G. Carruthers.
9.48 "	Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
9.52 "	T. Low, J. W. Mayhew.
9.56 "	J. Brownley, E. R. Cutting.
10.00 "	W. L. Alexander, A. V. Greaves.
10.04 "	W. S. E. James, R. R. de L. Leaching.
10.08 "	A. B. Purves, Col. Matthews.
10.12 "	W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edwards.
10.16 "	R. H. Gregory, J. Forbes.
10.20 "	J. B. Harrison, M. Pollock.
10.24 "	E. G. Price, F. D. Hunter.
10.28 "	G. H. Catherley, I. H. G. Hight.
10.33 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

COAL RATION

London, To-day.
Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd announced in the Commons yesterday that the Government had decided to raise the percentage in the coal rationing scheme from 75 per cent. to 100 per cent. of last year's consumption. —British Wireless.

10.36 "	D. G. Allen, C. Austin.
10.40 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.44 "	J. W. Clague, S. S. Church.
10.48 "	A. M. Mack, E. P. Streatfield.
10.52 "	R. G. K. Way, Capt. Moar.
NEW COURSE	
9.24 a.m.	L. M. S. Lloyd, G. C. Worrall.
9.32 "	R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Bremner.
9.40 "	H. G. Sheldon, A. Tylor.
9.48 "	W/Cdr. Steele Perkins, T. McGarry.
9.56 "	A. J. Dennis, J. T. Smith.
10.00 "	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.
10.08 "	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Edward.
10.16 "	Col. Shackleton, Capt. Reidy.
10.24 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.32 "	Capt. Maxwell, Hyslop, Lieut. Fellow.
10.40 "	Teas, Mackay.
10.44 "	H. S. Rees, Miss Culbertson.
10.52 "	

RUGBY FOOTBALL

There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow. In the first game, which will be refereed by Lt. Pirie and which will commence at 3.15 p.m., the Navy "A" XV will meet the Army "A" XV. The second game at 4.30 p.m., should be of particular interest, as the pick of rugger players now in the Colony will be taking part. The match will be refereed by Dr. Selby and will be between a team composed of Club and Police players and the United Services. The Police and Club side has been selected as follows:—

R. G. Wall (Police), H. D. Taylor (Police), J. C. Charter (Club), J. Hutchison (Club), D. H. Stewart (Club), B. C. Fay (Police), E. C. Luscombe (Police), A. F. Walkden (Captain) (Club), R. G. Castleton (Club), P. Cullinan (Police), E. W. Stout (Club), L. A. Searle (Police), A. J. G. Taylor (Club), J. D'empsey (Police) and W. B. Richardson (Club).
The side will play in white jerseys.

THE CHINA MAIL'S 1939 LAWN BOWLS REVIEW

Hongkong Win The Interport

OMAR'S FIFTH TITLE

U. M. Omar won the Open Singles for the fifth time and, by his tenacity in the Final, proved what a great bowler he is. Few men could pull up from a some of 10-20 in the Final of the Colony Singles, but Omar, who I have heard described as the finest bowler out East, hung on grimly and eventually won once again. He beat Hall and Bradbury, fellow Interporters, on the way to the Final.

A. R. Dallah, who was so dramatically beaten, gave further evidence of the skill which secured him Interport honours last year, beating F. V. V. Ribeiro, C. M. Silva, G. Perkins, and C. F. Remedios, former Shanghai champion, on his way to the last stage.

M. R. Abbas did well to reach the fifth round, as did B. Basto and Perkins, who was very steady until he met defeat at the hands of the runner-up.

THE PAIRS

Dick Alves, partnered by "Chico" Ribeiro at last got amongst the prize-winners, and these two proved worthy winners of the Open Pairs, their victory over T. E. Robson and H. Nish being very impressive. The losers surprised the critics by reaching this late stage, but they deserved the honour. Others who did well in the event were Johnny Ribeiro and Leo Silva, Fraser and Fincher and Field and Gibson.

THE RINKS

The rinks produced some very good games, and the playing of these matches on Sundays is a good idea, and especially in the later stages allows a good number of fans to attend who could not get away in mid-week.

Record Score In Second Encounter

H.E. THE GOVERNOR HELPS TO POPULARISE GAME IN THE COLONY

(By "SKIP")

LAST Saturday saw the winding up of the official lawn bowls season. In the afternoon the Final of the Gutierrez International Shield was played and in the evening the Association dinner was held at the Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel to bring the 1939 programme to a close.

So the time seems ripe for my annual review of the season's bowls, and this year, it will be noted, a special supplement, giving all the season's important features, has been issued.

My opening remarks would be incomplete without a reference to the keen interest which H.E. the Governor has shown in the game, not merely as Patron of the Association but through his own very active participation in the game. Though his cordial hospitality at matches at Government House and his happy participation in away ones should possibly not come within this review, I know I am voicing the opinion of all lawn bowlers when I say that it has been a pleasure to play against the Government House team, whose general attitude towards the game could be emulated with so much advantage in our League and other matches.

The Club de Recreio rink, skipped by Spuggy Silva, had a great win in the Final against J. C. Brown's four, who quite failed to touch the form which had taken them to that stage. The ultimate winners gave an indication of things to come when they eliminated Bob Duncan's four in the first round, and they had another difficult hurdle to negotiate when drawn against Chalmers' Taikoo four. Surmounting this more easily than I expected, they beat Arthur Grimmit's four, winners of this event in 1934. The score in this game (14-12) gives an idea of the tenseness of the struggle.

The outstanding event of the year was Hong Kong's splendid victory in the Interport series against Shanghai. As one who was a little doubtful about the strength of the team which went North, I must again congratulate B. W. Bradbury (captain), A. J. Hall, U. M. Omar and G. Duncan on their success. If it is true to say that the run of the woods went in their favour at the twenty-first head of the first encounter, resulting in the narrowest possible win for our team, it is equally just to emphasise their colossal win in the second game of the series when their score of 40 shots was the highest ever recorded in the series.

It would be invidious perhaps to single out any player when all pulled their weight, but the fact remains

FOUR CLUB CHAMPIONS

The following lawn bowls championships for 1939 have been decided:

Club de Recreio:—J. Luz (senior); C. F. Vas (junior).
Kowloon C.C.:—E. C. Fincher.
Craigengower:—U. M. Omar.
Indian R. C.:—D. M. Khan.

that Omar was once again outstanding in this series. He was simply great. George Duncan also surprised the critics by his consistent play, whilst both Hall and Bradbury were more than useful.

A. Bower, the fourth member of the team, was, unfortunately, under doctor's orders while in Shanghai, but he pulled his weight when badly needed in friendly matches.

RECORD OF TOUR

The following are the complete results of the tour:

lost to Shanghai Recreation Club 27-30
lost to Clube Lusitano 16-23
beat Junior Golf Club 20-19
beat Shanghai (First Interport) 18-17
beat Shanghai (Second Interport) 40-14
beat Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club 22-17
lost to Shanghai (Third Interport) 10-29
beat Barbarians Bowling Club 22-21
beat Yangtzepoo Bowling Club 21-15
lost to S.L.B.A. Committee ... 18-20

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

A sub-committee has been appointed to go into the question of the Association's rules and bye laws and, although no results will be seen for some time, it has already commenced its work.

Bones of contention are likely to embrace the registration of players, withdrawals from the League, cancellation of matches, and the necessity for markers for Association games.

THE SEASON'S WINNERS AND RECORDS

Open Singles.—U. M. Omar.
Open Pairs.—H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro.

Open Rinks.—F. A. Machado, C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva.
Gutierrez International Shield.—Switzerland (W. Naef, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosslet).

Altkenhead Shield.—Kowloon.
Interport.—Hong Kong 2 games to 1.

THE LEAGUE

Winners

First Division.—Club de Recreio "A"
Second Division.—Hong Kong Football Club.

Third Division.—Club de Recreio.

RELEGATED

To Second Division.—Club de Recreio "B".
To Third Division.—Civil Service C.C.

LEADING SKIP

First Division.—C. G. Silva.
Second Division.—J. C. Chalmers.

Third Division.—O. P. Remedios.

TEAM RECORDS

Highest Aggregate:

First Division.—95 C.C.C. v. K.C.C.
Second Division.—96 Taikoo v. H.K.F.C.

Third Division.—101 P.O.C. v. H.K.E.R.C.

LOWEST AGGREGATE:

First Division.—34 C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.
Second Division.—36 K.F.C. v. C.C.C.
Third Division.—28 K. F. C. v. Club

de Recreio.

BIGGEST TEAM WIN:

First Division.—58 C.C.C. v. K.C.C.
Second Division.—54 Taikoo v. H.K.F.C.

Third Division.—67 P.O.C. v. H.K.E.R.C.

HIGHEST RINK SCORE:

First Division.—46 L. C. R. Souza, J. H. Xavier, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury.

Second Division.—41 W. Melrose, W. C. Bovalrd, T. F. Stainton and J. C. Chalmers.

Third Division.—43 B. Plumb, J. W. Fitzgerald, J. McCutcheon and A. Gillott.

LOWEST RINK SCORE:

First Division.—3 R. Lapsley, R. H. A. Lapsley, S. Gray and H. G. Cooper (K.D.R.C.).

Second Division.—6 T. M. Gregory, C. Mose, J. L. Stephens and A. Spary (K.T.G.C.A.).

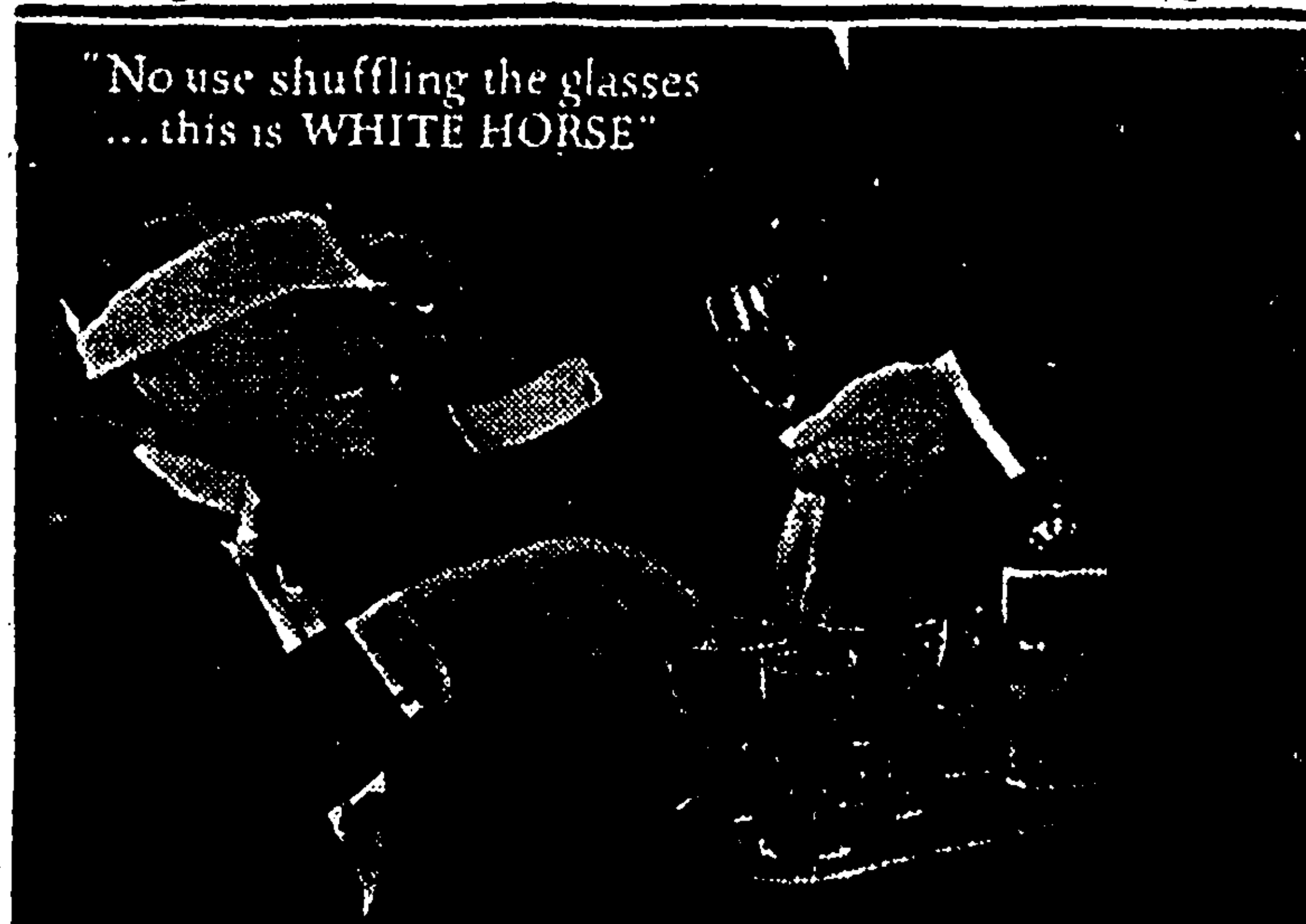
Third Division.—5 W. Mills, C. Woodcock, P. McCarthy and A. J. R. Moraes (K.F.C.).

SIGGEST RINK WIN:

First Division.—46 L. C. R. Souza, J. H. Xavier, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury.

Second Division.—41 W. Melrose, W. C. Bovalrd, T. F. Stainton and J. C. Chalmers.

Third Division.—32 M. F. Alarcon, J. C. Remedios, A. M. Rodrigues and O. P. Remedios.



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28 GAMES WON IN ROW: TWO LOST IN TWO YEARS

TAIKOO CLUB'S HIGH HOPES SHATTERED BY TWO DRAWN ENCOUNTERS

ALTHOUGH I have said that the outstanding event of the year was the Interport triumph, this seems rather unjust to Club de Recreio, who won the First Division Championship without once being defeated. This feat has been achieved in any division on only one previous occasion, when Kowloon Dock won the First Division in 1927. It is of interest to many of the older bowlers to record the names of the team which represented the Dock team in those days. Many of them are still with us in Hong Kong, some have retired to their homeland and some have bowled their last wood.

The following played as regularly as duty permitted and were 174 shots to the good as the result of their 12 games: W. Greig, D. Keith, J. O. McLaggan, S. Gray, A. Gourlay, H. G. Cooper, F. Cullen, R. Lapsley, C. Atkinson, J. V. Ramsay, J. A. Lindsay, J. C. Brown, J. Puncheon, G. Henderson and E. Docherty.

Recreio's record over a period of three years has been remarkable. Losing only two matches (to Craigengower and Kowloon Bowling Green Club) in 1937, they became champions for the first time after being runners-up the previous season. Last year, after losing their first two games to Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigengower respectively, they won their remaining 12 games, which, added to this season's remarkable record, makes 28 games in a row without a check!

RECREIO'S TEAM

For the sake of posterity I will record Recreio's team:—A. P. Guterres, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves, L. F. Xavier, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, C. G. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. M. Silva played in every match—a remarkable record—whilst J. A. Luz was absent for war duties and L. J. Silva was another who was not always available. The team were 306 shots to the good after their 16 games, thus more than doubling their shots margin of last year.

Craigengower had a much better season, securing eight more points (out of two more matches) than last year and finished runners-up, although 10 points behind the leaders—a further indication of the playing strength of the champions.

WALK-OVERS CONCEDED

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who have been either third or fourth for the past four seasons, achieved a better position this year, but they finished up with only just over half the points that the champions secured. They beat last year's runners-up, Kowloon Cricket Club, for third position by a single point, whilst the Indians and Civil Servants followed in similar order, one point separating each. The former retained their position of last year, fifth, but Civil Servants, after a terribly shaky start, came along with a strong burst of form in the middle of the season and saved themselves from what at one time looked like certain relegation—they lost their first five games.

Police, Club de Recreio "B" and Kowloon Dock (how have the mighty fallen!) were always in a worrying position. Police had difficulty in playing at full strength due to extra duties and, having assured their position, gave walk-overs to their remaining opponents, leaving the other

two to fight out the relegation problem, which, as we all know, had to be decided on a replay, the Dock team gaining the day.

FOOTBALLERS' SUCCESS

About half way through the season I forecast that Taikoo Club would win promotion to First Division but, like many predictions, I was wrong, for, after an exciting struggle, the honour justly went to Hong Kong Football Club, who thus return to the premier League after a lapse of only one season. I think it will be admitted that their record is not nearly as impressive as that of the runners-up when it comes to a matter of shots as, thanks partly to a severe trouncing at the hands of their nearest rivals, they were only 86 shots to the good whereas Taikoo had a margin of 232, a total beaten only by the Recreio teams in the first and third Divisions.

Taikoo figured in two drawn games, as did Kowloon Tong, and the loss of these valuable points robbed them of promotion. Craigengower finished third, only a point behind Taikoo and these three proved to be outstanding as Kowloon Bowling Green Club, in the next position, were five points behind. Kowloon Tong and Kowloon Football Club finished with equal points but the latter were seven shots better off in the deficit column. Police might have had to play-off to save their position had not the Civil Servants sacrificed their position on a matter of principle—a couple of wins in the last two matches just saved the custodians of the law.

ANOTHER RECREIO TRIUMPH
Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club had a great fight for the honours in Third Division and the Portuguese stayed the course better than their rivals and finally finished up six points ahead after losing to the runners-up in the first match of the season and then having a run of twelve successes. They just beat their seniors as regard the shots up record, having 313 to their credit. Kowloon Cricket Club finished up weakly with a couple of defeats but proved worthy runners-up, having a hundred shots more than Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who were third. The latter made an auspicious debut in this League, as did Prison Officers' Club, who held sixth place, Hong Kong Football Club and Craigengower being fourth and fifth respectively. The Electricians, who have little chance to settle down on account of their repeated changes, were next, whilst Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, playing as such for the last time, just managed to leave the wooden spoon with Kowloon Football Club, who beat them once and scored a double against the Electricians.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Up	Down	Pts.
Rec. "A"	16	16	0	0	306	0	32
C.C.C.	16	11	5	0	202	0	22
K.B.G.C.	16	8	7	1	43	0	17
K.C.C.	16	8	8	0	0	58	16
I.R.C.	16	7	8	1	0	31	15
C.S.C.C.	16	7	9	0	0	64	14
P.R.C.	16	5	11	0	0	39	10
Rec. "B"	16	4	11	1	0	138	9
K.D.R.C.	16	4	11	1	0	221	9

Kowloon Dock beat Recreio "B" in the play-off to decide which team was to be relegated.

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Up	Down	Pts.
H.K.F.C.	14	10	3	1	85	0	21
T.C.	14	9	3	2	232	0	20
C.C.C.	14	9	4	1	100	0	19
K.B.G.C.	14	7	7	0	28	0	14
K.T.G.C.A.	14	5	7	2	0	44	12
K.F.C.	14	6	8	0	0	51	12
P.R.C.	14	4	10	0	0	193	8
C.S.C.C.	14	3	11	0	0	158	6

TWO LEAGUE POSSIBLES

Two "possibles" (8) were recorded in the League, as follows: J. C. Chalmers' Taikoo Club rink (W. Melrose, W. C. Bovalrd and T. F. Stainton) v Hong Kong Football Club in the Second Division. W. K. Way's Craigengower rink (A. A. Razack, W. Ward and A. M. Omar) v Club de Recreio "B" in the First Division.

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Up	Down	Pts.
Recreio	16	14	2	0	313	0	28
K.C.C.	16	11	5	0	269	0	23
K.B.G.C.	16	10	6	0	138	0	20
H.K.F.C.	16	9	7	0	60	0	18
C.C.C.	16	8	8	0	30	16	16
P.O.C.	16	7	8	1	12	0	15
H.K.E.R.C.	16	5	11	0	0	180	10
R.H.K.Y.C.	16	4	11	1	0	212	9
K.F.C.	16	3	13	0	0	310	6

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BROOKSBANK MAKES GOOD SKIP OF HAPPY RINK

IN a review of the individual players in Recreio's all-conquering team it is not easy to find something different to say. Such players as "Spuggy Silva", Dick Alves, R. F. Luz, C. E. Marques, to mention a few, have already made their name and it is superfluous to add more.

Before I comment on some of the newcomers I must, however, add my tribute to Carlos Silva, who has gone through yet another season without missing a game. It is a truly remarkable fact that he has played in every single game since Club de Recreio first entered the League some years ago!

C. M. Silva, who was in my opinion the bowler of 1938, has made good in the premier League, whilst "Doc Guterres" and Johnny Ribeiro have also pulled their weight, the latter earning promotion to third man after only a few games. Jackie Noronha, erstwhile lead and usually considered as that alone, was played as No. 3 to Carlos Silva, and the combination worked admirably, as a glance at the skip's table will tell.

HONG SLING'S ADVANCE

Another good lead who was made into a No. 3 was Joe Landolt of Craigengower. His indoor bowling experience apparently did him good! Joe Leonard did quite well as a lead for this club, whilst Razack, as quiet a bowler as ever played the game, was usually very steady. "Popo" Ward retained his place throughout the season, but his form was not consistent—some weeks he was brilliant, others just mediocre. U. M. Omar, was as brilliant as ever whilst B. W. Bradbury played some very fine games, spectacular shots at critical moments being his speciality.

Of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's team I would say that Tom Robson was the most outstanding player. A newcomer to League bowls he went right into the first team and improved with every game. Another No. 2 who played well throughout the season was Sam White, whilst Archie Russell and Willie Walker as leads were always reliable. Willie Macfarlane staged a great comeback after two or three seasons out of the game and Adam Holland was usually steady and had the best skip's record in the Club.

I have previously commented on the rather in and out form of Kowloon Cricket Club, and their record is partly substantiated by the record of their skips, only one of whom had a credit at the close of the season. Teddy Fincher won the most matches but he was not as successful as when he had Hubert Overy as his right hand man. Frank Goodwin had some big wins (and losses) whilst Ernie Kern's four did not seem to pull together as well as could be desired. Willie Hyde played a useful game throughout the season and proved most adaptable, whilst Tommy Madar probably showed the most improved form of anyone in the team.

ABBAS DOES WELL

M. R. Abbas was outstanding in the Indian team and the way this young player dropped into the skip's position augurs well for I.R.C. His drawing to the jack was usually very reliable whilst he was not averse to having a pound on should the occasion demand it. D. M. Khan was tried as third

man towards the end of the season and did quite well, whilst J. H. Hoozen proved of great value as a lead.

I am told that the two most improved players in the Civil Service team were Bill Burling and R. R. Davies (alias Dai), and I can quite believe it as they both gave the support required from the first part of a rink to Harry Strange and Jack Hollidge respectively. The former of these two skips, by the way, had a very useful record and could well be mentioned in the above paragraph. Fred Jones was as good as ever and his return certainly rejuvenated a team which appeared to be slipping.

No new reputations were made in the Police team—nor were any lost—the team playing a moderate game only. Channing was usually quite steady as a lead, as was Willie McLeod, but I can think of no other outstanding player unless it is Jock Orem, who played quite a lot of very good shots.

FERGUSON'S IMPROVEMENT

Kowloon Dock, after a poor season, just managed, as I have said, to save themselves and the way one or two of their players came along towards the end of the season gives promise of better things to come. I would say without hesitation that Malcolm Ferguson is the most improved player in the team. He played some remarkably fine games. Bill Houston, a bowler of some experience up North, also did very well, especially in the last few matches when things were serious. Bob Morrison secured some brilliant shots but is not suited to the position of skip. There were some disappointments in the team, just as there were in that of Club de Recreio "B", who should have done better. The Portuguese were rather handicapped in having no new sources of talent in that their third team was winning so consistently that it could not be disturbed. Several of the latter were knocking at the door for some weeks. Chico Ribeiro, after a couple rather shaky seasons, came right back to form and seems assured of his position in the "A" team next year. Machado was also very steady as lead, whilst "Smoky" Xavier did

well. John Basto played some very fine games as skip, as did "Baba" Remedios, who was unfortunately not able to play regularly.

BROOKSBANK EXCELS

Turning now to the Second League, I would say that Arnold Brooksbank was the player who made most progress in the Hong Kong Football Club first team. This player, who used to be essentially a heavy wood man, has polished up his game considerably and draws as good a shot as anyone. He proved a good skip of a happy rink in which all played well—Jock Shaw as lead was usually handy, whilst W. J. Reid as No. 3 found his experience of value. Norman Bebbington is known as a useful man and lived up to his name, a remark which applies with equal force to George Duncan and "Pop" Gill.

The Taikoo team had one or two new players in, but for the most part comprised the old hands. Jimmy Chalmers played remarkably well all through the season and he had a proud record as skip, as did Donald Munro, another player who was difficult to beat. W. Melrose also impressed not only as lead, his normal position, but by his adaptability in filling Jim Watson's place at No. 3 on occasion.

In the Craigengower team three players stood out—Willie Hong Sling, L. Gaddi and last but by no means least "Doc" Karanjia. The former improved in every game and gave a demonstration of his ability in the International Shield game against England.

Charlie Rosselet, Bill Way and Herbert Randall all did well, but here again their prowess requires no comment—they are too well known.

WHITE'S PROMISE

There were few stars in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club team. Bert White came with a big reputation and, although he did not set the town on fire, is obviously a classy bowler who will probably command a First Division place next year. Ted Searle improved a lot, whilst L.A.R. Duncan proved a useful No. 3.

Kowloon Tong's most consistent players were, I would say, Jimmy Wong, who was promoted to No. 3 after a few matches, and J. L. Stephens. The latter was reliable last year but his game seemed more steady this past season. Spud Spary was also very valuable.

Although it was the "old war horses," such as Field, Gibson and Chittenden, who formed the backbone of Kowloon Football Club, some of the front men did very well. By far the most promising player—in fact he is past the promising stage—is Joe Eastman, who has taken to the game wonderfully—wait till you see the Club competition results! Chris Pile also did well whilst Walter Groves played some great games without being really consistent. Tommy Fergusson proved to be the most successful skip in the club and lost only three games. Ben Evans, if favoured with a good start, played some fine games, whilst Bill Simpson improved a lot on last season's form.

As both the Police and the Civil Servants had a disappointing season, it would be inconsistent to say that any one of their players distinguished himself, although I am laying myself open to the remark that "one man does not make a rink". The old gang, Moss, McHardy, Riddell and McWalter were there again in the Police team, whilst "Mac" Ellis did quite well as lead.

Syd Eccleshall had a good run as skip for the Civil Servants until called on by the first team, but I thought

that both Bill Hillyer and Charlie Strange had gone off a little. Vic Ebbage showed promise but still lacks steadiness and experience.

VAS STILL GOING STRONG

It has been the lot of the Third Division to receive only brief write-ups each week, and I am going to follow the theme. O. P. Remedios had a great season for Recreio, but he owed a lot to "Ala" Alarcon and "Doc" Rodrigues, the cricketer. Both are new players this season and have the makings and style of really good bowlers. Charlie Vas also did well. Like good wine he improves with age as I noticed that he was playing in the Recreio team as far back as 1927!

In the Kowloon Cricket Club team one or two very promising bowlers were noticed. The best of these I am told is G. E. Taylor, who was playing a fine game as number one or two. Tommy Carr, like Jimmy Jack, is always reliable, but Bob Meadows surprised by his splendid form.

Of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club team I would pick out E.F. Pope, W. Harrower, George Deacon and H. J. Bicknell as the ones who have made the most progress, and with the experience of such old players as H. L. Lockhart, P. J. Hamilton and John Dinnen to back them up they may do better next season.

V. Walker did quite well as a skip for Hong Kong Football Club, whilst C. F. Needham is full of promise and very keen. Gelling has also improved I hear.

Prison Officers Club have some useful material to work on for next season. "Gowland" is one who caught the eye, Foster seems to have an aptitude for the game, whilst McCutcheon was also very good at times. Tommy Gooding, Arthur Jillett and Tom Pile provided the experience.

The Taipan of the Hong Kong Electric Company, V. Sbrby, gleefully turned out as required and played well enough to have commanded a place each week. R. A. Owens will do well next season I think, whilst G. G. Stopani-Thompson, tried as a skip late in the season, had one or two good wins and his promotion seems to have added to his interest in the game.

Comment on the Yacht Club seems rather superfluous, though B. W. Hansen is worthy of mention as an improved player who has lost a distressing wobble!

And what of the wooden-spoonists, Kowloon Football Club? If it is true to say that Bob Hughes, C. Woodcock, C. Fuller and D. Izatt showed promise, it is equally true to say that V. Petherick, Doc Smalley and Peter Morgan rather disappointed.

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F.X. SILVA DROPS 12 PLACES IN THE TABLE

A SKIP is often unjustly blamed if his rink loses just as in some cases he is given credit to which he is not due, but I honestly think that, taking match after match, it is the best player who comes out on top in the skip's table which has appeared each week in "The China Mail." It may not always be due to his individual skill that he finishes on top as such matters as temperament and ability to get the best out of his men count a good deal.

CHALMERS AND REMEDIOS WIN JUNIOR HONOURS

The premier skip this year is Carlos Silva, to whose consistency I have given a tribute in another column. Tying two matches—against J. J. Basto and J. Deakin—he eventually lost his unbeaten record to A. R. Dallah, who rubbed it in badly. But as "C. G." had the scalps of Omar, Bradbury, and Hall in his bag, just to mention a few, he had reason to be satisfied with his season's work.

ALVES GOES UP

Dick Alves improved greatly on his record of last year and finished up second, some four points behind but six ahead of both Omar and Bradbury, both of whom, of course, missed four League matches on account of their visit to Shanghai. M. R. Abbas, in his first year as skip, did remarkably well to secure fifth position, but Teddy Fincher dropped back a little, as he was third last season. Adam Holland, who was away last year, came next on shots average, but A. R. Dallah, Frank Goodwin, and A. K. Minu had the same points.

Harry Strange made his presence felt and secured the next position, whilst F. X. Silva, champion skip last year, fell badly down the table as a result of winning only half his games. Fred Jones secured 12 points from nine games, being beaten only a couple of times.

CHALMERS' FINE RECORD

Leaving the remainder, I turn to the Second Division, where Jimmy Chalmers achieved wonders for Tal-koo. Losing only three games, he had

a margin of well over 100 shots in his favour, although the leaders of both of the divisional tables beat him in that respect. Second to him came Donald Munro, with only four defeats in 14 games, less it should be noted than in either of the other leagues. Bebbington and Brooksbank filled the next two places, the latter improving considerably on his record of last season. Tommy Fergusson of Kowloon Football Club, with fewer opportunities, was three points behind, Bill Way and Bob Wallace having a like number of skip's points. Spud Spary won half his points, a record which was surpassed by Syd Eccleshall, who had thirteen from 10 games.

REMEDIOS'S BAD LUCK

O. P. Remedios was miles ahead of the rest in Third Division and one felt sorry when he lost his unbeaten record after such a remarkable run of wins. It seemed especially bad luck that he should be beaten in the very last game of the season, a fate which befell F. X. Silva in almost identical circumstances only last season. P. J. Hamilton, after trailing Henry Lockhart all the season, pipped him on the post and worthily secured second position, whilst Tommy Carr was next. Eddie Souza was very successful and won 10 out of his dozen games. V. Walker of H. K. Football Club improved vastly on his record of last season, securing four times the number of points from four more games. Arthur Jillett of Prison Of-

ficers' Club, who had not skipped previously, surprised by losing only four of his 13 games, whilst he was Remedios' sole conqueror! Of last year's regular skips I notice that H. H. Pegg and A. W. Brown have made considerable progress, as did P. A. Yvanovich, though he went up to seventh, only one place, as a result of securing four more points—which seems hard!

COMPLETE SKIPS' RECORD

The following are the final positions of all skips in the 1939 Lawn Bowls League:—

FIRST DIVISION									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	U.	D.	Pts.	Shots	
C. G. Silva (Rec. 'A')	16	13	1	2	146	0	29		
H. A. Alves (Rec. 'A')	16	12	4	0	120	0	24		
B. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	12	9	3	0	88	0	18		
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	12	9	3	0	69	0	18		
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	16	9	7	0	0	12	18		
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	16	9	7	0	0	28	18		
A. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	13	8	4	1	36	0	17		
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	15	8	6	1	14	0	17		
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	16	8	7	1	0	1	17		
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	16	8	7	1	0	37	17		
H. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	13	8	5	0	6	0	16		
F. X. Silva (Rec.)	16	8	8	0	35	0	16		
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	16	8	8	0	0	30	16		
W. Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.)	14	7	6	1	26	0	15		
R. Basa (C.C.C.)	14	7	7	0	5	0	14		
F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	9	5	2	2	42	0	12		
F. J. Basto (Rec. 'B')	15	5	8	2	0	5	12		
A. Remedios (Rec.)	10	5	5	0	0	38	10		
H. Cooper (K.D.R.C.)	10	5	5	0	0	55	10		
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	11	4	6	1	0	11	9		
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	11	4	6	1	0	19	9		
J. C. Fender (P.R.C.)	10	4	6	0	0	8	8		
E. Kern (K.C.C.)	11	4	7	0	0	32	8		
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.)	3	3	0	0	14	0	8		
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.)	9	3	6	0	0	23	6		
F. X. Soares (Rec.)	10	3	7	0	0	42	6		
B. Basto (Rec. 'B')	10	3	7	0	0	55	6		
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	11	3	8	0	0	10	6		
A. Grimmit (C.S.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	34	0	4		
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	13	0	4		
J. Hyde (K.C.C.)	5	2	3	0	3	0	4		
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	8	2	6	0	0	32	4		
J. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	3	1	0	44	3		
A. E. Coates (C.C.C.)	3	1	2	0	10	0	2		
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	3	1	2	0	0	10	2		
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	17	0	2		
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	4	0	2		
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	17	0		
R. Lansley (K.D.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	19	0		
C. G. Silva (K.B.G.C.)	3	0	3	0	0	24	0		
M. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	3	0	0	61	0		
S. Gray (K.D.R.C.)	4	0	4	0	0	26	0		
J. C. Brown (K.D.R.C.)	8	0	8	0	0	53	0		

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	U.	D.	Pts.	Shots	
J. Chalmers (T.C.)	14	11	3	0	137	0	22		
D. Munro (T.C.)	14	10	4	0	73	0	20		
N. Bebbington (H.K.F.C.)	14	10	4	0	72	0	20		
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	14	9	4	1	26	0	19		
T. Fergusson (K.F.C.)	11	8	3	0	70	0	16		
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	13	8	5	0	38	0	16		
R. Wallace (T.C.)	13	8	5	0	29	0	16		
A. Sparv (K.T.G.C.A.)	14	7	7	0	13	0	14		
S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.)	10	6	3	1	27	0	13		
J. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	14	6	7	1	0	12	13		
A. Basto (K.T.G.C.A.)	14	6	7	1	0	38	13		
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	8	5	2	1	61	0	11		
H. Gittins (K.T.G.C.A.)	14	5	9	0	0	21	10		
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	14	5	9	0	0	48	10		
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.)	7	4	2	1	49	0	9		
J. S. Loran (K.B.G.C.)	11	4	6	1	13	0	9		
V. Chittenden (K.F.C.)	11	4	6	1	0	10	9		
F. Cheesman (K.B.G.C.)	5	4	1	0	37	0	8		
M. Souza (C.C.C.)	5	4	1	0	27	0	8		
W. Hillver (C.C.C.)	12	4	8	0	0	72	8		
J. Cavanagh (C.C.C.)	4	3	1	0	29	0	6		
W. Bagley (C.S.C.C.)	5	3	2	0	9	0	6		
D. Waterton (K.B.G.C.)	7	3	4	0	0	31	6		
G. C. Moss (P.R.C.)	7	3	4	0	0	31	6		
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	8	3	5	0	0	37	6		
J. S. Riddell (P.R.C.)	10	3	7	0	0	75	6		
J. Fender (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	11	0	4		
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	4	0	4		
W. S. Dall (P.R.C.)	4	2	2	0	10	0	4		
G. F. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	8	2	6	0	0	48	4		
W. McHardy (P.R.C.)	9	2	7	0	0	71	4		
W. Hollands (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	8	0	2		
M. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	6	0	2		
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	2	0	2		
F. Havnes (C.S.C.C.)	4	1	3	0	0	16	2		
G. Alexander (P.R.C.)	5	1	4	0	0	8	2		
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	2	0		
V. Ebbage (C.S.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	6	0		
T. Stainton (T.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	7	0		
H. White (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	9	0		
T. Armstrong (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	15	0		
A. Johnson (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	18	0		
E. Zimmer (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	18	0		
J. McWalter (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	0	23	0		
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	0	13	0		
P. Youngusband (K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	0	16	0		
A. B. Allan (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	2	0	0	47	0		
J. M. Purvis (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	2	0	0	40	0		
J. Gibson (K.F.C.)	3	0	2	0	0	49	0		

GUTIERREZ SHIELD

The Gutierrez International Shield series provided several amazing upsets, first and foremost being China's win over the highly fancied Portuguese team.

Switzerland, deserving winners, took the wind out of the sails of a strong English four and then proceeded to massacre the Scots, who unexpectedly beat India.

Following are the full results:

FIRST ROUND

China beat Portugal 20-15
Switzerland beat Australia .. 20-17
Scotland beat Wales 31-11

SECOND ROUND

India beat Malaya 25-10
Switzerland beat Philippines 25-14
Scotland beat Ireland 29-17
England beat China 24-15

SEMI-FINAL

Switzerland beat England .. 24-19
Scotland beat India 21-16

FINAL

Switzerland beat Scotland .. 26-9

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	U.	D.	Pts.	Shots
O. Remedios (Rec.)	16	14	1	1	176	0	29	
P. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	16	11	4	1	68	0	23	
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	13	11	2	0	80	0	22	
H. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	16	10	5	1	60	0	21	
E. de Souza (Recreio)	12	10	2	0	108	0	20	
V. Walker (H.K.F.C.)	15	10	5	0	38	0	20	
P. Yvanovich (Rec.)	13	8	3	2	63	0	18	
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	13	9	4	0	38	0	18	
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	16	8	7	1	31	0	17	
B. Maughan (R.H.K.Y.C.)	16	8	7	1	0	33	17	
W. W. Hirst (K.C.C.)	12	8	4	0	63	0	16	
T. Pile (P.O.C.)	14	7	7	0	13	0	14	
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	15	7	8	0	21	0	14	
H. H. Pegg (H.K.F.C.)	14	6	7	1	0	1	13	
W. Muskett (H.K.E.R.C.)	14	6	8	0	0	9	12	
A. Brown (R.H.K.Y.C.)	16	6	10	0	0	50	12	
A. E. S. Alves (C.C.C.)	10	5	4	1	0	7	11	
J. Dinnen (K.B.G.C.)	12	5	6	1	0	12	11	
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	14	5	8	1	0	10	11	
T. Gooding (P.O.C.)	15	5	9	1	0	3	11	
V. Petherick (K.F.C.)	15	5	10	0	0	101	10	
G. G. S. Thompson (H.K.E.R.C.)	9	4	4	1	0	31	9	
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	13	3	7	2	0	5	8	
P. Morgan (K.F.C.)	15	3	11	1	0	58	7	
J. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	3	5	0	0	17	6	
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	11	2	8	1	0	81	5	
L. Coombes (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	29	0	4	
A. W. Ramsey (K.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	17	0	4	
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	4	2	2	0	0	2	4	
C. M. S. Alves (Rec.)	4	2	2	0	0	2	4	
S. Deacon (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	2	3	0	0	35	4	
L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	7	2	5	0	0	45	4	
G. Costello (R.H.K.Y.C.)	11	2	9	0	0	92	4	
W. Hobbs (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	30	0	2	
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	14	0	2	
N. P. Karantia (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	13	0	2	
E. el Arcull (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	10	0	2	
T. W. Hudson (P.O.C.)	1	1	0	0	9	0	2	
K. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	7	0	2	
K. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	7	0	2	
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	
N. Leonard (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	
H. Wilkinson (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	
A. Nissim (R.H.K.Y.C.)	2	1	1	0	9	0	2	
J. Watson (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	1	0	9	0	2	
W. Excell (K.F.C.)	2	1	1	0	12	0	2	
C. A. Lopes (Recreio)	3	1	2	0	32	0	2	
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	
J. McCutcheon (P.O.C.)	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	
A. Mitchell (R.H.K.Y.C.)	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	
G. Foster (P.O.C.)	1	0	1	0	0	9	0	
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	0	10	0	
S. Leonard (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	0	15	0	
A. J. Morse (K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	0	32	0	
W. Reid (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	0	15	0	
C. Gowland (P.O.C.)	2	0	2	0	0	16	0	
C. T. Champelovier (K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	0	20	0	
R. H. Wild (R.H.K.Y.C.)	2	0	2	0	0	42	0	
J. Ross (K.F.C.)	3	0	3	0	0	25	0	
W. McNeill (C.C.C.)	3	0	3	0	0	32	0	
A. F. Paul (H.K.E.R.C.)	4	0	4	0	0	44	0	

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(By "STRIKE")

I referred last week to J. Sheehan's remarkable scoring over five games of ten-pins, namely his average of 210. I was therefore surprised when on Sunday he brought off another wonderful achievement at duck-pins for, in five games, he scored 105, 115, 113, 119 and 107, which gives an average of 112 pins.

As far as I can recollect this is not a record for the Alleys but it was nevertheless a fine effort which has only been bettered by a limited number of players which include Mrs. Soong, J. S. Landolt and R. H. Pirard.

PIRARD RETURNS

Mention of the latter reminds me that this enthusiast has returned to the Colony from Shanghai and as he is one of the finest exponents of duck-pins in the Alleys, I expect I shall soon have some doughty deeds of his to record in these columns!

I understand that while playing in Shanghai he "saw most of the players up there off" which appears to indicate a comparable standard between the two ports despite the fact that the game has been long established in the North.

Another good ten-pin bowler, in the person of L. Gaddi, is back in harness again and is expecting to get down to "business" seriously now that all the worries of international lawn bowls and other equally weighty competitions are now over for the winter. As a matter of interest I might mention that Gaddi was a member of the victorious Swiss lawn bowls team which recently won the Gutierrez Shield for the first time since the institution of the International event.

A contemporary of his, J. S. Landolt, who was also a member of the Swiss team, is another who will be able to devote more of his time to indoor bowls. He is undoubtedly one of the best ten-pin and duck-pin players in the Alleys.

GADDI GETS GOING

Gaddi, in his first game for some time, the other evening, showed that he has lost little of his old skill. He put together at the first time of asking the very fine score of 211! This score was made up of a strike, spare, four successive strikes, two spares, a strike, a spare and a 9 on his spare.

PAT MADAR WEDS

Hong Kong Cricketers will be interested to learn of the recent marriage in Shanghai of Pat Madar, the Shanghai Interporter, to Mrs. E. Guzzdar (nee Leonard) of Hong Kong.

A good performance in very sooth! As I foreshadowed last week, a match was arranged between Ashville and Mindanao which was played off on Monday. On this occasion Mindanao had much the better of the argument and finished up 269 to the good.

The scores were:—

Mindanao	2,952
Ashville	2,683

Although there were one or two exciting interludes, I must confess disappointment in the game which was very much below the standard usually set by these very fine bowling ships.

It appeared to me that with the exception of D. M. Keplinger, of Mindanao, none of the players were comfortable and never did themselves justice.

There was not a 200 registered, highest individual score being Keplinger's 186 in his fourth game. The total score of this player was 803, or an average of 189 pins. As regards the rest, most of them trailed along unhappily to generally average round about 145.

Evidently the players themselves were not too satisfied with their showing and a return match has been fixed to be played on the Mindanao's return to port!

OLD-RIVALS MEET

On Wednesday was played a match between those old stalwarts "The Champs" and U.S.S. Ashville. A meeting between these two teams can nearly always be depended upon to attract a large number of fans and this occasion was no exception.

As it happened, the match itself was not what I should term a brilliant one. I will go even further and say it was disappointing! However, I expect the sultry evening had something to do with it.

Again in this match there was only one 200 registered, Dick Venezia securing 211 in his third game. Next (Continued at foot of Next Column)

MACAO RACE MEETING PROSPECTS DISCUSSED

(By "RAPIER")

THE November Meeting of Macao Jockey Club will be held at the Areia Preta Course on Sunday, when a programme of six events will commence at 2.15 p.m.

The S.S. "Taishan" leaves Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. and returns at midnight.

RACE NO. 1—GRAND STAND HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This event is confined to subscription griffins of Macao Jockey Club of any season that have not won more than \$300.00 in stakes since January 1, 1939.

Shanghai 4 (Mr. Hearne) has been given top-weight of 160 lbs. and, if it starts, should have no difficulty in winning as it is a class above the others, and the distance is only six furlongs.

Hohenfels (Mr. Yuen), which was second in the Colowan Handicap over five furlongs at the last meeting, is the only pony capable of extending Shanghai 4. Rothsay Bay (Mr. Tang Man Wa) should take the other minor position.

RACE NO. 2—RACE COURSE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is for China ponies, subscription griffins of Hong Kong Jockey Club purchased at Hong Kong by members of Macao Jockey Club during 1938-39. Having regard to its surprise win in the Praia Grande Handicap over five furlongs at the last meeting, National Triumph (Mr. S. L. Sung) has been penalised by 9 lb. and will be carrying top-weight of 168 lb. This, however, should not prevent it from winning again.

Eagle (Mr. Hearne), which placed second in the above-mentioned race, is up by 6 lbs. and it is possible that the previous result will be reversed. Cloudy Star (Mr. L. B. Chao) is down by 5 lbs., and will carry 163 lbs. As it was many lengths away when it came in third to the two ponies mentioned above, it should not do better than again place.

RACE NO. 3—TURF HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

In this race for first section "E" Class, China ponies, King's Parade (Mr. L. B. Chao), the winner of the Lappa Handicap over six furlongs, has again been given top-weight of 168 lbs. As it will be running against practically the same field as in the Lappa Handicap, however, it should win even with the distance a trifle longer. Lucky Eleven (Mr. S. C. Liang) is expected to fill second place, and Mac's Adventure (Mr. Hearne) the other minor position.

RACE NO. 4—CHOI MA HUI HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This event is for China ponies, subscription ponies of this Club of any season. Fairy Auk, which will be ridden by Mr. Hearne, won the Stewards' Cup over the mile at the last meeting; it will again carry 160 lbs. but should win.

Shanghai 4, which was second to

highest individual score was Gene Faggiano's 183.

Venezia was easily highest scorer of the match with 858 (average 172) and W. J. Balaski, of Ashville, was next with 808 (average 162).

Scores were:—

"The Champs"	3,129
Ashville	2,912

Although Ashville lost they showed some improvement over their display against Mindanao.

MEMBERSHIP GROWS

It might interest bowling fans to know that the total number of members has now reached the very satisfactory figure of 70, made up from the British and American Navies, and military and civilian habitués of the Alleys.

In passing I would like to correct a report on the Knight Initiation ceremony which stated that all the members who received "200" badges were regaled with beer on the House. This was not correct as it was Ewo Brewery which so generously provided the much-needed refreshment!



Fairy Auk, may not start as it has a better chance of winning the first race. Should its connection decide to send it out here, however, it will not surprise if it causes an upset, especially in view of its light imposition of 143 lbs. Hogmanay (Mr. L. B. Chao) should do better this time, owing to its weight reduction of 5 lbs. It lost by only 1-1/2 lengths to Fairy Auk at the last meeting.

RACE NO. 5—VICTORY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

"D" Class, China ponies will figure in this race. The Leopard, winner of the Norfolk Handicap (Second Section) at the Valley last Saturday, has been given top-weight of 168 lbs. together with Double Chance. In my opinion they can be safely disregarded. Jack O'Lantern (Mr. L. B. Chao) looks the likely winner, as it ran a good fourth in the race with The Leopard, but the Tigress (Mr. S. C. Liang) may cause an upset. National Anthem (Mr. S. L. Sung) should also be seriously reckoned with as it will be carrying only 140 lbs.

RACE NO. 6—TURF HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

In the final event of the day, the second lot of "E" Class, China ponies will be in opposition, and, judging from the entries, The Spirit of St. Louis, which is at present in fine form, may secure the first win of its career.

Dragonfly (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) was withdrawn by the veterinary surgeon at the Valley in the last meeting, but if it starts here, should command attention, as it was highly fancied in some quarters for last Saturday.

Rose Day (Mr. S. C. Liang) may not be able to win, but it should do well.



HOCKEY

NEW CORNER RULE TRIED

With a "hat trick" contributed by L/Sgt. Homburg, the Royal Engineers just managed to beat the Y.M.C.A. "A" XI by the odd goal in five in a friendly hockey game played at King's Park yesterday.

The new short corner rule that the Umpires Association is recommending to teams to experiment with was tried out in this game.

The goals for "A" were scored by Fowler and Coombe, and Homburg scored three times for sappers.

The teams:

Y.M.C.A.—H. Millington; R. Perry, Lewis; H. Smits, D. McLellan, A. F. Austen; Harkinson, W. Stone, E. Fowler, M. Dunne, and L. Coombe. H. Engineers—L/S. Dobson; Russell, Goodwin; Bowling, Marriott, Whitaker; Twomey, Taylor, Homburg, Denyer, and Fox.

Mr. P. P. Botelho took out Mr. Trianon's Tribute for its exercise this morning and on reaching the six furlongs post the pony became restless and unseated its rider. Mr. Botelho was able to walk back to the paddock unassisted, but he took no further part in the training.

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FAVOURED by good weather and a sea that was fairly smooth, the Army Rowing Regatta went off well on Wednesday.

Three cups were up for competition, The Brown Cup, The Ah King Cup, and The Chaplain's Cup.

Unfortunately there was only one entry for the Ah King Cup (Fortress R.E.) and this trophy went to them without being rowed for. They were already the holders of the trophy having won it last year.

Both the other races produced some keen competition but the Details of the Seaforth Highlanders rowed splendidly to annex both the Brown Cup and the Chaplain's Cup. The Seaforths were obviously a very fit crew and had apparently put in more training than the others, some of whom were very distressed at the end of the races.

Ordnance, who only got their crew together a few weeks ago, were never in the picture and, in fact, were so "all in" that they were tailed off and, I think, did not finish the course. In the Chaplain's Cup, Fortress R.E. did not look too happy at the finish either!

The second place in both races was filled by R.A.S.C., who did exceedingly well on their first local rowing effort to beat Fortress R.E. into third place. They never looked like beating the Seaforth's, however, and were several lengths to the bad in both races.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

The lighter side was seen when the R.A.S.C. number one of the first team took an involuntary dive over the side when the boats were being towed back after the race and apparently tried to swim the course. However, loud cries of "man-man" soon recalled the launch and the rescue was duly effected.

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I WAS very disappointed with the team picked by the United Services for their match against The Rest of The Colony on Sunday. However, it is a fairly steady side which might quite possibly do more than hold the Rest.

Many people were surprised that Robinson of Navy was only chosen as reserve goalkeeper. The reason is that he was injured in the Navy match against South China "A" last week and it is very doubtful whether he will be fit again by Sunday. He is suffering from an injured shoulder.

Incidentally, Saw, of Middlesex, an-

other of the reserves, is, I think, missing his first representative game since he came to the Colony. He has an impressive record and would no doubt be in the team but for the necessity of making it in reality a "United Services" team!

The Services will be playing in White shirts and blue shorts, colours which are new to them I believe.

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FURTHER results in the Small Units' Hockey Knock-out are to hand. "A" Company Middlesex ran riot in their game with 40th Coy. R.E. and scored nine goals without reply. Another heavy scoring game was that between H.Q. Rajputana Rifles and 22nd Coy. R.E., the former netting eight goals to the one secured by their opponents. Only third round match completed to date is that between "A" Coy. Middlesex and "D" Coy. Rajputana Rifles which was won by Middlesex by two goals to nil.

This was quite a good performance

and augurs well for "Diehard" chances in the competition.

20th Hy. Bty. R.A. were not quite good enough in their second round encounter with "D" Company of the Rajputanas and made their exit by three to one, while a very close game resulted from the meeting of "D" Coy. Kumaons and H.Q. Middlesex, the former netting the only goal of the match to enter the next round. A narrow win by H.Q. Kumaons over "C" Coy. Middlesex by 2-1 gave them a through ticket. The one game left to be played in the first round was between 30th Bty. and "A" Coy. Scots and resulted in the former winning by 3-1.

EASY VICTORY FOR D.B.S.

Diocesan Boys' School entertained and beat Queen's College by 10 wickets on Wednesday, on their ground.

Features of the match were the fine bowling of A. Ebrahim, who took 7 wickets for 11 runs, and the batting of J. Macauley, who retired after he had scored 76.

Scores:

Queen's College—40 (S. Khan 14; Ebrahim 7 for 11).

D.B.S.—172 (Macauley 76; Whitfield 41; Lo 3 for 35).

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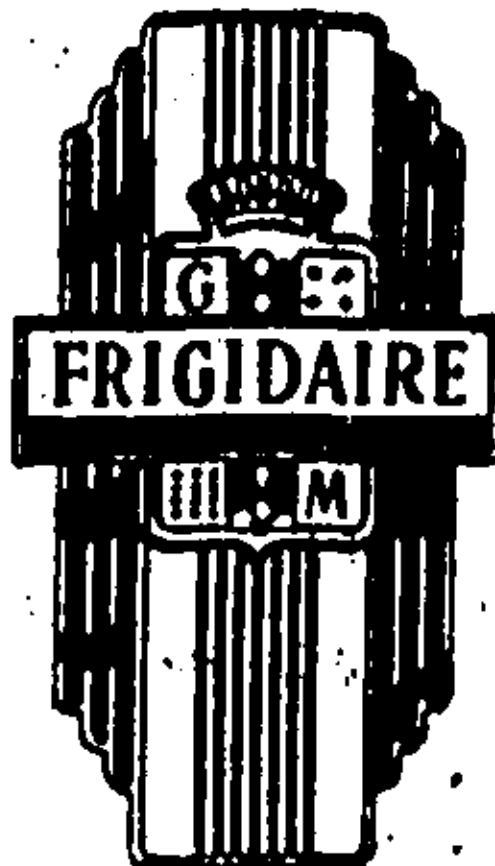
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KUMAONS TROUNCE R. SCOTS

At Marina Ground yesterday afternoon, Kumaon Rifles had no difficulty in defeating Seaforth's in a friendly football match by five goals to one after sharing two goals at the interval.

During the first half, the match was quite even. Although Scots were at one period kept on the defensive, valuable work by Hutchins, right back, and Marjiram, centre-half, kept the Indians out.

K. Singh, inside-left, opened the scoring for the Indians but, shortly afterwards, the Scots equalised through Robinson, on the right wing. On resumption, the Scots collapsed very badly and were kept in their own half by the Indians, who, through K. Singh took the lead.

The Indians scored their last two goals through F. Singh and K. Singh. Kumaon Rifles:—R. Singh; Lieut. Tarr and T. Singh; B. Singh, M. Singh and J. Marmicham; S. Singh, P. Singh, F. Singh, K. Singh and R. Pratap. Seaforths:—R. Wilmot; D. Finningan and J. Hutchins; W. Cowan, D. Marjiram and H. Kirk, J. Mooney; J. H. Franco, F. O. Reed and B. Xavier.

NOMADS TEAM TO MEET MIDDLESEX

The following have been chosen will represent the Nomads Hockey Club in a friendly match against the Middlesex Regt. at Shamshupo on Sunday at 4.30 p.m.

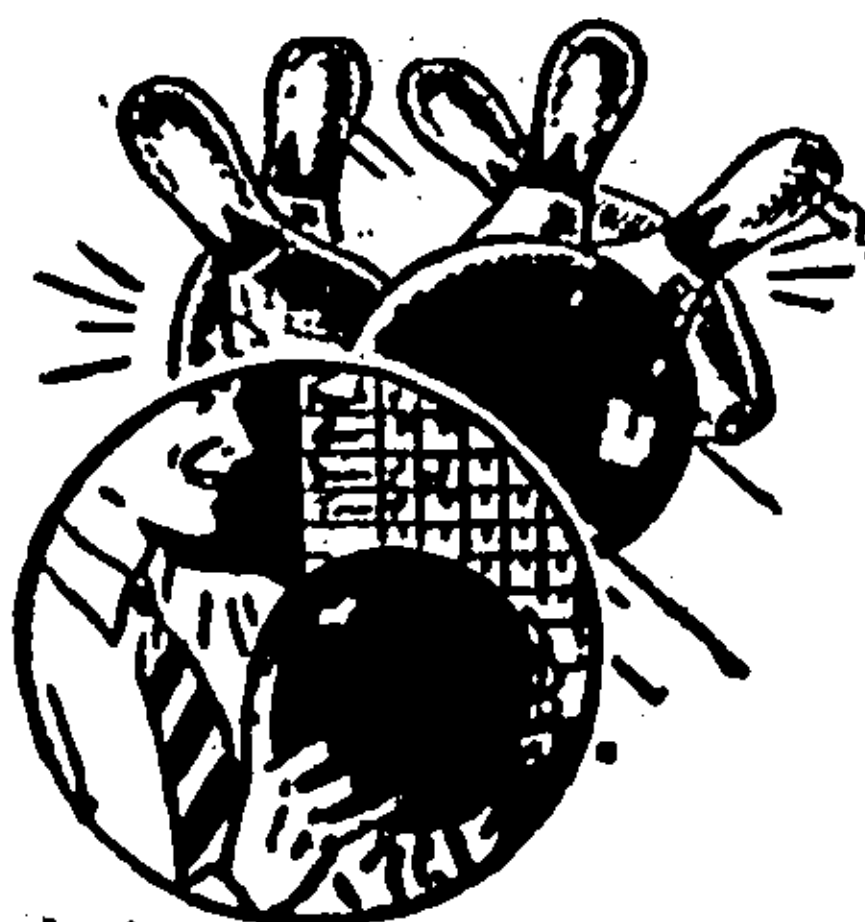
F. Soares; H. Soares, R. Xavier, L. Souza, R. J. Reed, S. F. Rosario; P. Rew, H. Gubbay, J. H. Franco, F. O. Reed and B. Xavier.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS

The following are results of matches played in the First Round of the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship:—

Capt. and Mrs. C. H. R. Hyde beat T. J. Gould and Mrs. L. R. Andrews 10-8, 5-7, 6-1;

A. Crawford and Miss Stokes beat Teesdale and Miss B. Lindsell 6-0, 6-0.



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(By GRANDSTAND)

If any generous soul had offered a trophy for the best fielding average for the past season, the award would have had to be divided among three players—Union Beermen Ma-deen (Perfect Control) Arculli, hurler; centrefielder Stan (Powerhouse) Leonard; and South China's combination hind snatcher and outfielder, Szeto Bick. All three fielded a perfect 1.000 per cent.

On top of achieving this fielding feat during the past season, Arculli also gained another 1.000 in the won and lost percentages, having chalked up nine victories with nary a defeat.

The earned-run-average, which shows a finger's effectiveness, proves that Arculli's chucking in the season just past will be a record hard to beat. The earned-run-average of 1.55 per inning which he hurled is a broad contrast from Larrupin' Larry Lawrence's 6.83.

Arculli gave the fewest free tickets, 6, and also whiffed the most, 48. There were only 15 earned runs credited to his opponents out of the 28 tallies scored against U.B., and he pitched 41 2/3 innings more than Spotty Perelra's 62 2/3. Arculli allowed the most safeties, 62, one more than Perelra.

RECS TAIL
It will be noticed in the club averages that the Rambling Recs tailed with .844. Their total chances exceeded the next highest, Union Brewery, by 11, and these two were the only teams which played out their schedule of 10 games. The Ramblers also bobbled the most, 54 times in 346 chances!

In handling the most number of double plays, 18, Hong Kong Baseballers showed that their leather-playing was much, much better than their efforts with the willow-ward.

Wilbur Wu, former Pul Ching Academy flash, was tops with .957 in covering the initial sack and Union Brewer's George (Strawberry) Souza, averaged .944 to take the honours for the midway station. His team mate Obeir Arculli, also averaged .944 at the hot corner. Nam Hwa's custodian of the windy alley, George (Showboat) Wu, came through with .911, the highest average in that position.

Most put-outs, 64, were made by Terry (Heart-throb) Leonard, U.B.'s first sacker, while Ma-deen Arculli must be mentioned again with being credited with the most assists, 27.

Booby prize for most errors goes to Hong Kong Baseball Club's third sacker, Sammy Izatt, who fozzled 12 times out of 40 chances for this dubious honour!

U.B.'s catcher Hal Winglee handled the most chances, 72 in 10 games.

CLUB FIELDING AVERAGES

Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	TC	PC
U.B.	10	209	95	31	7	335	.907
C.B.C.	9	180	98	32	6	310	.897
S.C.A.A.	9	179	80	30	8	289	.896
H.K.B.C.	8	163	82	42	18	287	.854
Mindanao	8	162	81	40	14	283	.852
Recrelo	10	195	97	54	5	348	.844

PITCHERS' RECORDS

(Pitchers rated according to earned run average per 7-inn. game)

	G	W	L	PC	IP	ER	AVG
Arculli (U.B.)	10	9	0	1.000	67 1/3	1.55	
Ruel (Min.)	8	4	3	.571	47	3.12	
Perelra (Rec.)	10	3	5	.375	62 2/3	3.51	
H. Chang (S.C.A.A.)	8	2	5	.287	51	4.12	
Lawrence (H.K.B.C.)	7	0	5	.000	40	6.83	
E. Wong (C.B.C.)	6	3	2	.600	31 2/3	3.76	
Ching (C.B.C.)	5	3	1	.750	23	2.43	
Horton (Min.)	2	1	0	1.000	9	4.68	
C. C. Lee (S.C.A.A.)	2	1	1	.500	10	4.90	
J. Alvarez (Rec.)	2	0	2	.000	3 1/3	18.99	
Smith (H.K.B.C.)	2	0	1	.000	4 2/3	6.08	
D. Leonard (U.B.)	1	1	0	1.000	1 1/3	.53	
Hearther (H.K.B.C.)	1	0	1	.000	2 1/3	9.13	
Clague (H.K.B.C.)	1	0	1	.000	7	14	

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING AVERAGES

PITCHERS	G	PO	A	E	DP	TC	PC
Arculli (U.B.)	10	427	0	0	31	4	1.000
H. Chang (S.C.A.A.)	8	623	3	0	32	3	.998
E. Wong (C.B.C.)	7	215	2	1	19	0	.985
Ruel (Min.)	8	222	3	1	27	5	.969
Perelra (Rec.)	10	725	6	0	38	0	.942
Lawrence (H.K.B.C.)	7	322	5	1	30	2	.933

CATCHERS	G	PO	A	E	DP	TC	PC
Szeto (S.C.A.A.)	7	12	3	0	1	15	1.000
Winglee (U.B.)	10	61	9	2	0	72	.972
Lum (C.B.C.)	7	43	14	2	1	59	.968
Mendonca (Rec.)	8	38	10	4	0	52	.923
Higgins (H.K.B.C.)	7	25	7	3	0	35	.914
Thomas (Min.)	8	42	14	6	1	62	.903
Alvarez (Rec.)	7	12	2	0	0	16	.873
Ho (S.C.A.A.)	6	24	9	3	0	36	.917

FIRST BASEMEN	G	PO	A	E	DP	TC	PC
W. Wu (C.B.C.)	7	43	1	2	1	48	.957
T. Leonard (U.B.)	10	64	3	4	3	71	.943
Molthen (H.K.B.C.)	7	38	5	4	3	47	.915
Douglas (Min.)	8	45	3	5	3	53	.908
H. Barrow (Rec.)	7	35	0	4	2	41	.853
Y. T. Chan (S.C.A.A.)	9	48	3	7	2	58	.879
Castro (Rec.)	8	25	0	2	1	27	.869
Leung, F. C. (S.C.)	3	14	0	1	0	15	.833

SECOND BASEMEN

G	PO	A	E	DP	TC	PC
Souza (U.B.)	9	17	17	2	2	.944
Sling (S.C.A.A.)	8	17	9	2	3	.829
B. Woo (C.B.C.)	9	20	15	3	1	.821
Chase (Min.)	8	18	11	4	4	.879
Beltrao (Rec.)	7	14	11	5	2	.833
Smith (H.K.B.C.)	6	8	5	3	2	.812
Delgado (H.K.B.C.)	5	10	5	4	1	.769
Ribeiro (Rec.)	2	2	2	2	0	.666

THIRD BASEMEN

G	PO	A	E	DP	TC	PC
O. Arculli (U.B.)	7	9	8	1	0	.944
T. Chan (C.B.C.)	9	25	8	4	0	.892
J. Alvarez (Rec.)	10	12	11	4	0	.832
Dew (Min.)	8	18	6	6	1	.786
Izatt (H.K.B.C.)	8	17	11	12	6	.700
Lingenbrink (U.B.)	5	7	5	6	0	.666
Badrick (Min.)	3	3	2	2	1	.714
Todd (Min.)	3	3	1	2	0	.666
Hussain (U.B.)	1	1	0	2	0	.333

SHORTSTOPS

G	PO	A	E	DP	TC	PC
G. Wu (S.C.A.A.)	9	20	11	3	2	.911
D. Leonard (U.B.)	8	15	23	5	2	.883
Ching (C.B.C.)	9	20	22	6	1	.875
Horton (Min.)	8	11	19	8	3	.789
C. C. Leung (S.C.)	7	13	9	6	0	.788
Alves (Rec.)	9	7	29	11	1	.766
Bautista (H.K.B.C.)	5	10	11	1	0	.955
Pau (S.C.A.A.)	1	2	5	0	0	.710
Paulino (H.K.B.C.)	1	1	1	1	0	.666

OUTFIELDERS

	G	P	O	A	E	D	P	T	C	P	C
S. Leonard (U.B.)...	10	3	1	0	0	0	4	1	000		
Walker (H.K.B.C.)...	8	21	2	1	2	24	18	958			
Figueredo (Rec.)...	10	14	2	2	0	18	888				
Craty (C.B.C.)...	8	10	5	2	0	17	882				
Wrigley (Min.)...	8	13	8	2	0	17	882				
All (U.B.)...	8	15	0	3	0	18	833				
F. Barros (H.K.B.C.)...	8	9	5	3	0	17	823				
C. Marques (Rec.)...	9	15	1	4	0	20	800				
Chung (C.B.C.)...	9	8	0	2	0	10	800				
Choy (C.B.C.)...	9	7	16	6	1	29	793				
Wilson (Min.)...	8	1	1	1	0	3	666				
J. Remedios (Rec.)...	7	3	0	2	0	5	600				

OTHERS

	G	P	O	A	E	D	P	T	C	P	C
Terry (Min.)	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0.00		
Clague (H.K.B.C.)	6	8	4	1	1	13	1	23	.923		
B. Chinn (C.B.C.)	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0.00		
S. Bux (U.B.)	5	3	0	4	0	7	4	28			
Chu (S.C.A.A.)	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	1.00			
Bowen (U.B.)	4	4	1	0	0	5	8	0.00			
Wong (S.C.A.A.)	4	5	2	2	0	9	7	77			
Prata (Rec.)	4	1	4	4	0	9	5	55			
R. Chang (C.B.C.)	4	0	1	1	0	2	5	0.00			
Oliver (H.K.B.C.)	3	0	1	0	0	1	1.00				
Hearther (H.K.B.C.)	3	12	2	1	1	15	93				
H. Chin (S.C.A.A.)	3	3	0	1	0	4	7	50			
Rumjahn (U.B.)	3	1	0	1	0	2	5	0.00			
MacNider (H.K.B.C.)	3	1	1	2	1	4	5	0.00			
C. T. Chan (S.C.)	3	1	0	1	0	2	5	0.00			
Omar (U.B.)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00				
Ismail (U.B.)	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.00				
K. H. Chang (S.C.)	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.00				
C. C. Lee (S.C.A.A.)	2	2	3	0	0	5	1.00				
Bill Chang (S.C.)	2	5	0	0	0	5	1.00				
Shim (S.C.A.A.)	2	2	0	0	0	2	1.00				
Cogdell (Min.)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00				
McCormack (Min.)	1	2	0	0	0	2	1.00				
Cheng (S.C.A.A.)	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.00				
Ip (S.C.A.A.)	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.00				
Tse (S.C.A.A.)	1	0	1	0	0	1	1.00				
Fung (S.C.A.A.)	1	2	0	1	0	3	.666				
J. Lee (C.B.C.)	1	0	1	2	0	3	.333				
B. Remedios (Rec.)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00				
H. Noronha (Rec.)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00				
Fedoseyeff (H.K.B.C.)	1	0	0	1	0	1	.000				

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GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

Back in 1910, Macdonald Smith was in a three way tie for the National Open Championship, along with Alex Smith and J. J. McDermott. In the playoff, the title went to Alex Smith but plenty of praise was heaped on young Macdonald by the experts and fans alike. Neither group was as numerous as golf knows to-day but they managed to make themselves heard. Word was bruited about that this youngster with the velvet stroke would surely chalk up more than one Open championship in his career.

It was hard to see how he could miss with the grooved, easy swing that varied not the slightest each time he employed it. Yet like many another player before and after him, who should have won, Smith failed. Sometimes he lost by the scantest of margins. This made his task all the harder for in addition to beating the rest of the field, Smith had to beat the mental bugaboo, a hazard as real and dangerous as any furrowed bunker guarding the green. The combination was a bit too much for even Smith's streamlined swing to handle.

MONDAY—GRIPS

POSTPONED FOOTBALL MATCHES:

Owing to Volunteer camps the following football matches for the week-end have been postponed.

Second Division ("A" Section)

Club v Kitchee

Third Division

Electric v Kumaon Rifles

The third division game between the Signals and the Royal Scots will be played on Sunday instead of tomorrow.



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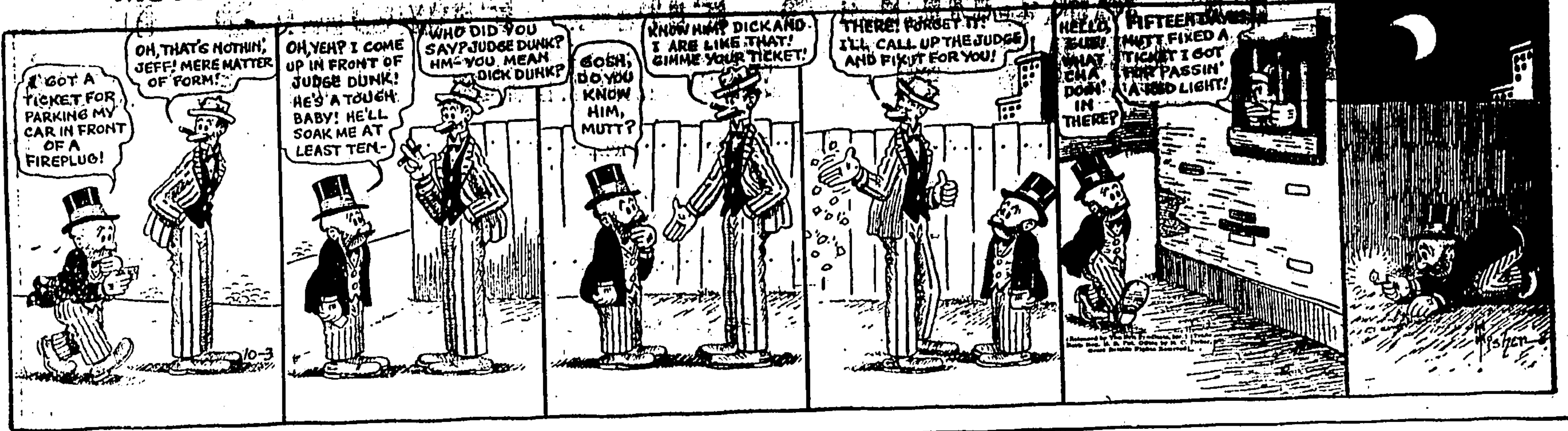
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Selections from Ivor Novello's Shows.
"Glamorous Night"—Selection
"The Dancing Years"—Selection
"The Miracle of Nicae"—Selection
... Drury Lane Theatre Orch.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in F Major. Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 megacycles)

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—The Morning After (Film "Hands Across the Sea").
Fox-Trot—Sugar Plum (Film "Thanks a Million").
Waltz—In My Heart of Hearts (Film

"Music Hath Charms").
Fox-Trots—Big Ship (Film "Music Hath Charms"); Radio Times; The Phantom of a Song.
Comedy Waltzes—A Feather in Her Tyrolean Hat; The Travelling Salesman.

Paso-Doble—Le Touquet.
Fox-Trot—The Merry-go-round Broke Down.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
Quick-step—I'm Just Wild About Harry; Talk to Me... Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.

Waltzes—The Umbrella Man (film "These Foolish Things"); Ferdinand and the Bull (film "Ferdinand and the Bull")... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—I Used to be Colour Blind (film "Carefree"); Let Me Whisper... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.

Fox-Trots—Ten Little Miles from Town; Home at Sundown... The Organ, The Dance Band & Me.
Tangos—Frio; Nada Mas... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Between a Kiss and a Sigh; Angels with Dirty Faces... Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.

Rumbas—Siboney; Triguinita... Alfredo Brito & His Orchestra.
Tangos—My Dream Tango; By The Black Sea... George Boulanger & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Plastered in Paris; I'm Away up High... The Band Waggoners.

Waltz—Charmaine... Josephine Bradley & Her Ballroom Orch.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.
Little Wheel A-Turnin' In My Heart (arr. Edna Thomas); Keep A-Turnin' Along (arr. Edna Thomas); Were You Dere? (arr. Edna Thomas)... Edna Thomas (Soprano) with Piano.

Negro Spiritual Medley. Intro: I'm a rolling and Sing-a-ho: Hall de Crown; Joshua fit de Battle oh Jericho; I got a Robe; Oh Lord I Done; De Gospel Train; Black Sheep; Heav'n Bells are Ringin' I'll Hear de Trumpet Sound; I'll Swing Low; Walk Together, Children... Paul Robeson (Bass)

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

Schumann
Fantasia:
Backhaus

& Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.
7.17 p.m.—The Regimental Band of His Majesty's Coldstream Guards. Marches—Under the Double Eagle (J. Wagner); Hands Across the Sea (Sousa).

Selections—Trial by Jury (Sullivan); "The Sorcerer" (Sullivan). Marches—Milanollo arr. by Mackenzie-Rogan; Royal Air Force March Past (Walford Davies).

7.38 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Peter Dawson (Baritone). Gavotte—The Way to the Heart (Paul Lincke)... Willy Steiner & his Orchestra.

The Lute Player (Allitsen)... Peter Dawson (Baritone) with Orch.

Kiss Serenade (de Micheli)... Frederick Hippmann & His Orch.

The Floral Dance (Moss)... Peter Dawson (Baritone) with Orch.

Johann Strauss Waltz Potpourri (arr. Hohné)... Gloria Accordion Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Next week's programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) singing Purcell's "Nymphs and Shepherds".

8.10 p.m.—Studio—"Some Great Poets"—A talk by Father Ryan, S.J.

8.35 p.m.—A Programme of Old English Music.
Piano Sonata in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 1 (John Field: 1782-1837)... Frank Merrick (Piano).

The Lass With The Delicate Air (Michael Arne); My Lovely Cella (Monro, arr. Lane Wilson)... Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Ivor Newton.

8.55 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Schwanda (The Bagpipe Player—Weinberger)... Sir Hamilton Hartv conducting the London Symphony Orchestra with Harold Dawber at the organ.

9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—Schumann—Fantasia in C Major, Op. 17. Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—Wienlawski—Léonide, Op. 17. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Orchestre des Concerts Colonne conducted by Georges Enesco.

10.10 p.m.—Puccini's "La Bohème" Act IV. Sung by Artists and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"In England Now". A Talk.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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Offhand it would seem the height of folly to pass up the chance to win a trick with a singleton Queen. And yet this apparently innocuous play by a defending player presented Declarer with an otherwise impossible contract.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 9 8 5 3 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ J 8
♣ 8 6

♠ K 10 8 7
♥ Q
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ 5 4

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 4
♦ K 9 8 6 5 2
♣ A K J 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♦	2♠	3♦
3♥	4♦	4♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the King of diamonds, then continued, South trumping the second round. South played his two top clubs, then led a small club and West, without a second's thought, trumped in with his heart Queen. West was now completely "stymied". If he led a diamond, Declarer would trump in dummy and discard his losing spade. Hence West chose to lead away from his spade King. South naturally let the spade ride around to his Queen, then led a trump and dummy's Jack forced the Ace. East

returned a club, which was trumped in dummy, and a heart finesse then picked up East's ten.

West's haste in trumping in with the heart Queen was fatal to the defence, for if he had simply discarded, South would have been forced to lose two trump tricks and a spade trick.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A x x x
♥ J x x
♦ x
♣ K Q J x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby	Yon
1♠	2♥	Pass	(7)

Answer: Your correct bid is four hearts. It is certain your partner holds at least a good five or six-card suit, so your three to the Jack are adequate trump support.
Score 100% for four hearts, 70% for three hearts, 40% for three clubs (your partner may pass).

QUESTION NO. 254

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A K 7 5
♥ A Q
♦ A K 8 3
♣ A 10 9

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N	S	E	W			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2740.	Lot No. 1127, La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsai.	1	ft.	1	ft.	About 16,000	\$184	\$3,000
							As per sale plan		



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			N	S	E	W			
2	Inland Lot No. 5710.	Adjoining Inland Lots Nos. 5594 and 5590, Tai Hang Road.	1	ft.	1	ft.	About 55,370	\$338	\$27,685
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N	S	E	W			
3	Rural Building Lot No. 431.	North East of Rural Building Lot No. 404, South Bay Road, Repulse Bay.	1	ft.	1	ft.	About 16,000	\$184	\$3,000
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Mt. Davis	872
Bowen Road (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1671

WAR TO GO ON TO THE BITTER END, SAYS M. REYNAUD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
"FRANCE ENTERED the war unwillingly but is carrying it on to the bitter end," declared the Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, in a speech at the American Club here yesterday.
"Germany," declared M. Reynaud, "is at present saying 'give me time to digest my prey and then I will be stronger and will resume my course.'"
"If we agreed, we would be attacked again in six months' time."

SECRET CODE CASE

The editor of the "Wah Kiu Yat Poa," Mr. Koo Pok-hian, alias Koo Siu-wai, 28, was released on \$2,000 bail at the Central Magistracy this morning when he appeared to answer a charge of possession of a code in plain Chinese language and one instruction sheet for converting the code into a secret code.

The case was adjourned for a week.

DYNAMITE MISHAP

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"Among all tax systems, a direct tax is far more equitable than an indirect tax, the best being Income Tax," declares "Phenomena," the Chinese evening paper this afternoon.

"It is a reasonable system for raising revenue—those reaping more benefits pay more and those reaping less pay less or nothing."

"We are in favour of Income Tax because it will neither increase the burden of the average man, nor harm those who earn far more than they need."

"Yesterday in the Legislative Chamber, strong opposition was voiced by many, but all the reasons and obstacles pointed out in support of the opposition collapsed one after the other as Mr. Sydney Caine made his reply."

"We request the opposition carefully to study Mr. Caine's reply and not to do anything which will benefit a few at the expense of the majority."

"We see no reason why they should oppose Income Tax and yet ask Government to consider a substitute."

London, To-day.

An Amsterdam telegram says that German customs officials and a group of armed Dutchmen were involved in a shooting affray on the German-Dutch frontier near the town of Venloo.

One Dutchman was shot dead and several others kidnapped.

The Germans crossed the border in a car and met a carload of Dutchmen travelling in the opposite direction.

The shooting then began. The man who was shot was dragged into German territory and the other Dutchmen were bundled into their car which the Germans hauled over the frontier.

An enquiry has been opened. —Reuter.

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Washington, To-day.

"Strongly resenting the implication that he is harnessed to Hitler's chariot, Mussolini is preparing to throw Italy's full weight on the side of the Allies not later than next Spring, according to reports reaching here from observers in Europe," writes William Philip Simms, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Mr. Simms adds: "Mussolini and Hitler, it is said, are already close to parting. Mussolini is described as completely disillusioned by Hitler's pact with Stalin and the partition of Poland." —Reuter.

London, To-day.

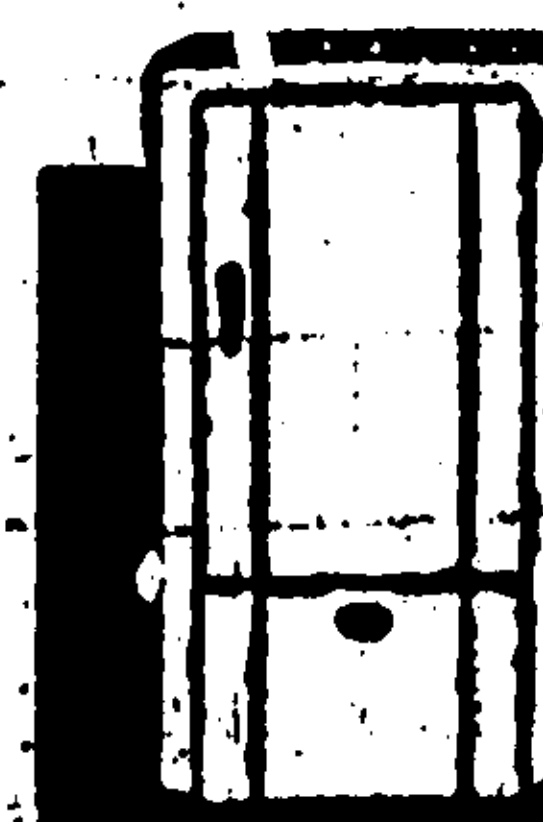
Hitler has left Berlin for an unknown destination, believed to be a small village in Thuringia, says Radio Paris.

Following the attempt on Hitler's life a decree has been published in Germany, says the Nazi radio, allowing conscripts to enter the police force. This had previously been forbidden. —Reuter.

It is understood that the Volunteers who were reported "missing" from Fanling Camp yesterday, returned to camp very shortly afterwards. Apparently, although the police were notified of their absence, they were not notified of their return.

In a statement issued by the Japanese Consulate on the Dardanus incident, it is declared that the aircraft flew over a Japanese fortified zone. As her identification marks could not be discerned, she was followed by three Japanese pursuit planes which fired on her, hitting the fuselage and forcing her to land. The passengers are being brought to Hong Kong in the U.S.S. Mindanao. The officers have been flown to Canton for examination.

A total of \$6,550 had been collected by the Poppy Day sellers in Hong Kong and Kowloon by 3.45 p.m. to-day, when not all returns were completely in. A sum of over \$4,300 was realised in Hong Kong Central and over \$2,250 in Kowloon.



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